

The NATIONAL UNDERWRITER

Life Insurance Edition



FRANK J. ROGERS, JR.

**"Cash earnings \$12,266
my first year . . .
at age 28"**

Mr. Francis J. O'Brien, Vice President
The Franklin Life Insurance Company
Springfield, Illinois

Dear O'B:

The year 1955 represented my first calendar year with the Franklin Life family. I previously sold drug supplies and earned about \$7,500 per year. With a growing family and a home with a big mortgage, I was anxious to improve my earnings. I was tremendously impressed by the picture Area Manager John K. O'Doherty painted for me as he dramatized a story of financial success and happiness beyond my wildest dreams.

It was a great thrill when I first qualified for the Sixty Club and received my beautiful watch. After producing in excess of 60 sales in 60 days twice, I am proud to have ended my first calendar year with over \$670,000 of net paid business. Even more important is the fact that my earnings have pyramided each month and I find myself at the age of 28 enjoying an income comparable to that of a business executive many years older. My cash earnings for the year amounted to \$12,266.92 with nearly half that amount still forthcoming in deferred commissions.

I am deeply grateful to the fine people at the Home Office for their continuous inspiration and cooperation and our wonderful Specials, which represent 99% of my sales, and without which I could never have enjoyed such success.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Rogers, Jr.

Villa Park, Illinois
January 2, 1956



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FRANKLIN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

CHAS. E. BECKER, PRESIDENT

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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Over Two Billion Dollars of Insurance in Force*

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1956

The house our agents built...

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The officers and directors of Occidental cordially invite you to the public opening of Occidental's new home office building, 1001 Wade Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina April 22, 1956, 2:00 to 6:00 P.M.

After two years and four months of construction, the handsome new home office building of the Occidental Life Insurance Company has been completed in suburban Raleigh, North Carolina.

"Occidental's new home office building", stated president Laurence F. Lee, "is probably the most functional, best equipped in the country today. This means greater service to our men in the field, as well as to our policyholders."

Of particular significance in the building is a bronze plaque permanently set in an interior wall. Typical of Occidental's field force are twenty men whose names appear on this plaque, and whose superior performance during the construction period brought the new home office to completion in this, Occidental's fiftieth anniversary year.

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FTC A&S Ad Rules Parallel NAIC Code, Pansing States

No Substantive Differences Despite Disimilar Language

The proposed A&S advertising rules adopted by federal trade commission March 29 are not dissonant to those formulated by National Assn. of Insurance Commissioners, according to Director Pansing of Nebraska, chairman of the subcommittee on interpretation of the NAIC A&S ad code.

Mr. Pansing said it is his opinion "compliance with the NAIC rules will automatically mean compliance with the FTC rules as proposed".

A public hearing on the FTC rules has been scheduled for April 30.

Mr. Pansing, who headed the committee which drafted the NAIC advertising standards, made the following statement on the FTC rules:

"I have stayed close to the development of the proposed FTC advertising rules and have, upon request, counseled frequently with both federal trade commissioners and staff in connection with their wording and substance. At all times I have taken the position that their rules should be as nearly identical as possible to those of the NAIC.

"FTC personnel believe that certain legal aspects of their powers and duties require that their rules be drawn from a negative point of view, i.e., by defining in each case what is an 'unfair trade practice', rather than from the affirmative approach employed by the NAIC subcommittee, i.e., describing what must be disclosed under what circumstances. This change in approach has no effect on the substance of the rules, although at first glance they appear to be different because of the different language in which they are couched.

"I have studied the proposed FTC draft carefully and I find no rule which would require further or different disclosures beyond those required by the NAIC. It is my opinion that compliance with the NAIC rules will automatically mean compliance with FTC rules as proposed.

"Obviously, these are personal opinions, and I speak for nobody but myself. It may be that I have overlooked something which study by other members of our subcommittee will bring to light. If such is the case, I shall certainly do what I can to remedy the matter. Furthermore, it may be that our subcommittee will want to make some suggestions as to changes in wording for the sake of clarity.

"I should like to publicly acknowledge the courtesy and cooperation of FTC Chairman Gwynne, Commissioners Mason and Anderson and the staff members assigned to this task."

Mr. Pansing's work in the A&S advertising field was recently recognized by the Lincoln (Neb.) Advertising Club, which presented him its "Advertising Man of the Year" award.

Deadline Looms for '57 MDRT Qualifiers to Pay Local Dues

Any agent who thinks he has even an outside chance of selling a million dollars of life insurance this year had better make sure he's paid his dues to his local life underwriters association by April 15 if he expects to qualify for the 1957 Million Dollar Round Table, warns Chairman Arthur F. Priebe, Penn Mutual, Rockford, Ill.

"A by-laws revision that went into effect Jan. 1 of this year makes it obligatory for every qualifier for the 1957 Round Table to have paid his local association dues by April 15, 1956," said Mr. Priebe. "That means everybody—life members as well as those who are qualifying on the basis of 1956 production.

"We've put out this warning before, in connection with the new April 15 deadline. I hope nobody will get caught by it. But if anyone finds he's failed to get his dues in to his local association by April 15, there won't be anything the Round Table can do about it but turn down his application for membership. Even under the old system there were always a few who missed qualifying by failing to get their local association dues in on time. I'm afraid there'll be even more with the new specific earlier deadline, though I hope not."

The applicable provision of the by-laws reads: "Each applicant for membership who shall reside in the United States and its territories shall submit, as part of his application, a certificate (in such form as the executive committee may require, from time to time) signed by the applicant, such certificate establishing these facts: (a) that the applicant is a *dues paid member* in good standing of such local association and the National Assn. of Life Underwriters; (b) that he has been a member in good standing during his entire qualification period as defined in article V hereof and that his dues were *paid prior to April 15th of the year of his qualification period*; and (c) . . ."

The words in italics are the changes that went into effect Jan. 1, 1956.

Pru Reminds AFL Agents of Duties Under Agreement

NEWARK—Vice-president Paul B. Palmer of Prudential has notified debit agents belonging to the AFL-CIO union that the company expects them to respect the obligations imposed by their agency contracts with the company, even though the union contract has run out and negotiations have not yet evolved a new one.

"The union has directed you to engage in the harassment of your company and your district manager," Mr. Palmer's letter to the agents stated. "These destructive tactics ordered by the union, such as stoppages, slowdowns, mass late reporting, and sit-ins, are certainly not in your best interests, and no good can come from them. They reduce your earnings, disturb the permanent relationships between you and your policyholders, detract from your personal and professional dignity, and contribute nothing toward making your job either a profitable or a pleasant one.

"Moreover, the union knows full well that in ordering agents to follow these tactics, it is placing those who do in the position of disregarding their obligations as agents of the company. These obligations are embodied in the agent's agreement and the company's instructions, rules, and requirements as in effect on March 18, 1956, and which remain in effect. Because of these obligations, we expect you will handle your job in the usual way during the period in which there is no contract between the company and the union.

"We shall continue negotiations with the union in good faith and again express the hope that an agreement will be reached at an early date."

Earlier in his letter, after outlining events since his previous letter, Mr. Palmer wrote:

"As you know, the company's offer of increased compensation and benefits has been substantial, and the company's position on unresolved issues has been explained to you in

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Late News Bulletins . . .

New Nationwide Stock Issue to Be Offered

A new issue of 800,000 shares of class "A" stock of Nationwide Corp., holding company for the Nationwide insurance group, has been registered with securities & exchange commission. A syndicate headed by Lehman Bros. of New York and the J. C. Bradford Co. of Nashville has been formed to market the issue. Expected price is about \$19 a share and it will probably be available for offering around April 23-24.

The slightly more than \$15 million to be raised will be used for the purchase of additional insurance company holdings. Nationwide Corp. now is entirely owned by Farm Bureau Mutual and Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile. The corporation wholly owns, except for directors qualifying shares, Nationwide Life. It owns 55% of National Casualty of Detroit; 17,000 shares of Sun Life of Canada; 4,400 shares of Columbian National Life and has an agreement to buy about one-third interest in North American Accident of Chicago for approximately \$4½ million.

The "A" stock of Nationwide Corp. will be a new class of stock. The "B"

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Howard Reeder New President of Continental Assur.

Tuchbreiter Becomes Chairman of Two Chicago Companies, Others Raised

Roy Tuchbreiter, president of Continental Assurance and Continental Casualty, has been named to the newly created position of chairman and chief executive officer of both companies. Howard C. Reeder was advanced from executive vice-president to president of Continental Assurance and J. Milburn Smith from 1st vice-president to president of Continental Casualty.

Stockholders at their meeting Wednesday approved an increase in Continental Assurance capital from



Roy Tuchbreiter



H. C. Reeder

\$6.5 million to \$8 million through transfer of \$1.5 million from surplus to capital and issuance of 300,000 shares of additional common, to be distributed in the ratio of three shares for each 13 held. The capital of Continental Casualty will be increased from \$10 million to \$12.5 million, also through transfer from surplus and the issuance of 500,000 additional common shares in the ratio of one for each four held.

In other Continental Assurance promotions, Dr. C. L. Reeder becomes vice-president and medical director; Robert D. Hamor advances to vice-president in charge of the agency department, and R. H. Belknap, president of United States Life, becomes 1st vice-president. David G. Scott, vice-president and actuary of Continental Assurance, was elected to the board of that company, and named as new directors of both companies were Joseph D. Stockton, vice-president of Illinois Bell Telephone Co.; Bowen Blair, partner in William Blair & Co., securities firm, and Robert D. Stuart Jr., vice-president of Quaker Oats Co.

Howard Reeder was named executive vice-president in charge of all Continental Assurance operations in 1945. He graduated from the actuarial school of University of Iowa in 1927 and started in the actuarial department of Royal Union Mutual of Des Moines. About six years later he joined Country Life of Illinois as actuary and office manager. He started with Continental Assurance in 1941 as actuary and was promoted successively to 2nd vice-president and vice-president. (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20)

N. Y. Checking into Stock Out-of-State Life Insurers Hold

Follows Attorney-General Directive; Holz Says No Hasty Action Will Follow

By ROBERT B. MITCHELL

NEW YORK—New York department technicians are within a week or so of completing their study of investments of out-of-state life companies to unearth any violations of the New York statutory requirement that out-of-state companies must substantially comply with the New York standards.

Superintendent Holz initiated the study as an aftermath of the opinion given recently by Attorney-General Javits holding that Connecticut General Life could not go through with its proposed acquisition of control of National Fire of Hartford if it wanted to continue doing business in New York. One of the arguments advanced by Connecticut General was that it only was seeking to do what other out-of-state insurers had been doing for years. Mr. Javits commanded to the insurance superintendent an investigation of investment practices of other out-of-state life companies with a view to determining whether the "substantial compliance" provision is being violated.

Queried by THE NATIONAL UNDERWRITER Mr. Holz said until he gets the results of the staff investigation and scrutinizes them it is impossible to say whether there are any violations or whether there might be circumstances that would offset apparent violations. But he was emphatic in stating that nothing would be done to create a chaotic situation through an abrupt demand that insurers that might be found to be in violation of the "substantial compliance" statute either divest themselves of the forbidden holdings or lose their licenses.

If legislation seems to be the way to remedy the situation Mr. Holz considers it entirely within his power to hold off departmental action until the 1957 legislature has a chance to act. Life Insurance Assn. of America has been working on legislation along these lines and hoped to have it ready for the session that recently adjourned.

The New York law specifies that out-of-state life companies must "substantially comply" with the requirements placed upon domestic companies as respects investments. The insurance law prohibits a domestic life company's ownership of common stocks of any insurance company or state or national bank or trust company; ownership of more than 2% of the stock of any company; "nor shall the amount so invested (in any corporation) exceed 1/10 of 1% of the admitted assets of such insurance company." The cost of any such investment in common stocks or shares, pursuant to this subdivision, when added to the aggregate cost of all other such investments in common stocks or shares, they held by such insurance company, pursuant to this subdivision and section 82, shall not exceed the lesser of 3% of the total admitted assets or one-third of the surplus of such

Prout Joins Midland Mutual in Agency Job



Howard Prout

Midland Mutual Life has appointed Howard Prout as assistant director of agencies. In the business since 1945, he has been manager of Acacia Mutual Life at Columbus, O., since 1952. He is chairman of LUTC committee of Columbus Assn. of Life Underwriters and secretary of Columbus Life Managers & General Agents Assn.

N. Y. GA of Equitable of Iowa Quits Business; Walter Canner Resigns

NEW YORK—The Hoey & Ellison Life Agency, Inc., general agent at New York City for Equitable of Iowa for 31 years, will retire from the life insurance business and as Equitable's general agent, effective May 1.

Walter W. Canner, who has served for seven years as president of the agency, is resigning as of May 1.

Clarence J. Meyer, vice-president of the agency, resigned April 1. Equitable has not announced a successor to the Hoey & Ellison agency, but has moved its New York City general agency office from 118 William street to suite 701-4, 55 Liberty street.

Blue Cross Objects to Federal Major Medical

The Blue Cross commission of American Hospital Assn. has attacked the U. S. civil service commission's proposed program of health insurance for federal employees on the grounds that it "is based on a faulty analysis of the needs of the employees and their families, and it is no real solution to the problem of prepaying the true costs of illness."

The bill would provide 75% of the costs of care after payment by the employee of \$500 for hospital expense, \$250 for surgical expense and from \$100 to \$200 for medical expense, per year by each member of the family.

The proposed plan could bring some relief to those afflicted with the highest and most disastrous costs; it will pay nothing toward the cost of most illnesses to which the large majority of people will be subject, the Blue Cross commission stated.

There is no need for major medical coverage in more than one case out of 100, the commission stated. If there is such a need, the proposed program would provide only 75% of the excess cost, which further reduces the value of the program.

The proposal means that it could require expenditure of at least \$850 by each member of the family before the major medical insurance would become effective, the commission stated.

Farmers & Traders Advances Taber, Henne and Hanson

Farmers & Traders Life has advanced Louis J. Taber from president to chairman, Edwin W. Henne from executive vice-president to president and Alvin E. Hanson from vice-president in charge of agencies to executive vice-president.

insurance company as of the 31st day of December next preceding. A check of investment schedules in the life company statements covering 1955 business shows that about 20 out-of-state companies hold bank and/or insurance stocks.

Jefferson National Holds Leaders Meeting

Agency meetings, financing, sales campaigns are all important, but the most important essential in selling is "closing," Hal L. Nutt, Purdue course director, told the annual leaders convention of Jefferson National Life at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Mr. Nutt said prospecting and supervision are important but secondary and that agents must have the ability to be strong "closers" and must realize that primarily they are salesmen.

E. Kirk McKinney, president of Jefferson National, presented the awards to company leaders and congratulated the sales organization on its outstanding performance in 1955. "Prospects a plenty" was the subject of a discussion by H. A. Bell, assistant agency director, and R. L. Clingman, general agent. R. E. Main, superintendent of agents, introduced the company's new visual sales kit, and General Agent Clyde Greco told how individualized sales presentations combined with Jefferson National's sales merchandise work for him. John R. Ray, agency vice-president, outlined the company's future expansion program. The company recently was licensed in Kentucky and plans to expand into several other states this year.

Pru Issues First \$1 Million Policy with Complete Retention

The first \$1 million policy on one individual completely underwritten by Prudential has been placed in Los Angeles by the Herbert L. Lantin Co., brokers, through the ordinary agency managed by Jack White.

Insured, a prominent executive previously covered by \$1 million, applied for an additional \$4 million of key man insurance. Prudential provided the \$1 million and other companies wrote the balance.

Prudential liberalized its underwriting last year to increase the limits of coverage on individuals from \$500,000 to \$1 million. The company retains the entire amount.

Canada Life Opens Chicago, Miami, Cincinnati Offices

Canada Life has opened a branch at Miami with Joseph Horovitz as manager, and has appointed as new general agents William R. Smith at Cincinnati and Lindquist-Burns Co. at Chicago.

Mr. Horovitz has been in insurance since 1949 and Mr. Smith for more than 20 years. Bernard Lindquist started in the business at Chicago in 1934 and George Burns in 1937.

Northwestern Life Names Salzman GA at Long Beach

New general agent for Northwestern Life in Long Beach is Michael H. Salzman who formerly was with Aetna Life in the Long Beach area. Mr. Salzman also is an assistant professor of business and economics, teaching courses in insurance, finance and allied subjects.

Mutual Benefit Opens Agency at Elgin, Ill.

Mutual Benefit Life has opened an agency at Elgin, Ill., and appointed Gerald F. Griffin general agent.

The new agency, the company's 76th, will serve northern Illinois.

Mr. Griffin entered the business in 1949 and was advanced to assistant manager of Prudential in Chicago in 1951. He joined Mutual Benefit at Chicago last year.

Complete Program for Meeting to Set Up New A&S Group

Detailed Listing of Social, Business Activities Given

The complete program for the organizational meeting of Health Insurance Assn. to be held in Cincinnati, April 12-13, has been announced.

Thursday Morning

E. J. Faulkner, president of Woodmen Accident & Life and chairman of the Joint Committee on Health Insurance, will call the meeting to order and Rev. Henry W. Sherrill, Church of the Redeemer, Cincinnati will deliver the invocation.

Election of temporary officers, chairman and secretary, and reading by the temporary secretary of the official call of the meeting, will be followed by remarks by the temporary chairman, appointment of committee on credentials and the roll call.

Millard Bartels, vice-president and general counsel of Travelers and chairman of the legal committee, will offer the resolution "forming Health Assn. as an unincorporated association and adoption of the constitution". A. B. Hvale, assistant secretary of Continental Casualty, will offer the resolution "adopting the report of the membership committee and election to charter membership."

The resolutions "adopting the report of the finance committee and concerning organization expense" will be given by R. J. Wetterlund, chairman of Washington National, and chairman of the finance committee. The report of the nominating committee will be given by H. Ladd Plumley, president of State Mutual Life, committee chairman.

Elections and introduction of directors and officers, and an address of acceptance by the president of Health Assn. will conclude the morning session.

Thursday noon a buffet luncheon for (CONTINUED ON PAGE 19)



Lloyd R. Freeman Jr., Union Central Life, Philadelphia, is shown at left, receiving from Manager H. Sheridan Bakel Jr. two life policies for \$1 million each issued to a teenage brother and sister. The transaction is believed to be a record amount issued by one company to the children of a single family. Mr. Freeman's sale was based on the facts that the children's current estates are in seven figures due to gifts; the tax and other dollar shrinkage at death will make large liquidity necessary in each estate, and the costs are now lowest and chances of later uninsurability are eliminated.

Newell Day Blasts U. S. News for Insurance Article That Takes Swipe at Life Agents

Newell C. Day, general agent for Equitable of Iowa at Davenport, Ia., has written a letter to Editor David Lawrence of "U.S. News and World Report" criticizing the article on insurance in the March 30 issue. Slightly abridged, Mr. Day's letter says:

Had the article, "What You Should Know About Your Insurance," appeared in *Confidential* instead of your magazine, it would have seemed more appropriate.

The article itself doesn't excite me particularly but the fact that a publication of your stature would use it amazes me. I have been in the life insurance business 37 years so, regardless of who the "huckster" is that is currently peddling his wares, I am inclined to relax and say, "Excuse me, please, this is where I came in."

Some of Mr. Levy's statements that are favorable to the business are taken for granted by anyone of any stature, yet he proclaims them as his most recent discovery. This, plus half-truths and complete misrepresentations, form an atmosphere of doubt and suspicion about the life insurance business. I did not read that portion pertaining to other forms of insurance, other than life, because I would not be competent to comment.

Let's be specific: Page 61, first column: "Too many Cooks . . . everyone agrees that the client will be best served by one competent underwriter who will coordinate his insurance and recommend the right amount and type, commensurate with his ability to pay. He points out that scattered buying . . . 'no one has earned enough commission to make it worthwhile to properly analyze and evaluate the entire problem' . . .

At the bottom of page 62 and top of 63, after disclosing the lurid details of commissions per \$1,000 on various forms of insurance, he infers that the agent will only sell the type on which he makes the most, unless you force him to tell you about the less expensive type—that, of course, would be the 20-year endowment, according to him. How does that square with his comment on page 66, "Roughly 75% of life insurance today in companies reporting to the New York state insurance department is 'ordinary' or whole life"? Certainly "ordinary" is not the type he implies by inference the agent will ram down your throat on page 62.

Page 63—last column: Where does he get his facts that semi-annual is 4% more than annual; quarterly 6% more and monthly 8% more. I think the actual case is that semi-annual is 3% more; quarterly 5% more and monthly is the quarterly, divided by three.

Mr. Levy says, "85 times out of 100 he may be out to sell you a policy that will earn him the fattest commission." Do you believe that, Mr. Lawrence? I don't, nor do I believe that your magazine is against communism because those forces offer you less to print their stuff than democracy and capitalism offer you.

Do you realize that some of his quoted "sales talks" he puts in the mouths of life insurance salesmen are insipid? My company spent \$25,000 developing a sales plan to assist the agent in properly coordinating the buyer's present insurance with what he wishes to buy. Other companies offer similar services. Most companies are writing substantial amounts of term insurance for young men with

heavy need and limited purchasing power.

Substantially his list of "needs" in order of their importance on page 64 is correct. I am surprised that he thinks he has made a startling discovery.

Have you done a good job of editing when you permit him to quote from E. A. Gilbert, *Life Insurance a Legalized Racket or Life Insurance Blind-*

ness by Mr. Green, a Minneapolis insurance counselor? Wouldn't both of these titles make you suspicious? And the fact that your writer, Mr. Levy, uses them should cause you to have some reservations about Mr. L., too. He recommends that the "weekly premiums" insurance be dropped. It may be true that this insurance is slightly higher than these same companies' "ordinary" policies because of the additional service involved.

Those companies do a fine service that is not overpriced. If you pay for

your car in 120 installments it will cost more than if you write a check for the entire amount on day of delivery. Does that mean that banks and lending organizations are scurrilous outfit?

It just seems to me that you used a lot of valuable space to print an oversupply of "hogwash." Perhaps you are more to be pitied than censored because I have a hunch that "all hell" will break loose, deservedly, and you'll wish you had never heard of Mr. Levy.

BERKSHIRE'S NEW "EXECUTIVE PROTECTOR" MODIFIED-3 PLAN WITH EXCEPTIONALLY LOW RATE

Berkshire's new "Executive Protector" . . . issued at \$15,000 . . .

with a premium so low you'll wonder how we did it!

The Berkshire's "Executive Protector" policy is a solution for the professional or business man who recognizes the need for adequate family protection a few years **before** he thinks he can really afford it. As a matter of fact, he might not be able to afford it now if it were not for Berkshire's modified premium plan. It gives him the opportunity to buy adequate family security **today** . . . at a low cost he can afford to pay. Premiums in-

crease at the fourth year . . . at a time when income is likely to increase also.

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Mutual Funds Need Only Pay-Out Option Like Life Policy's to Be Serious Rival

NEW YORK—Little is heard any more about "twisting" of life insurance by mutual fund salesmen but that should not blind life insurance people to the tremendous amounts of money that are going into mutual funds but that should be going into life insurance, according to William H. Bender Jr., general agent here for National Life of Vermont.

Not only is more and more money going into mutual funds but these amounts are trifling, Mr. Bender believes, compared to what they would be if the mutual fund operators were to develop pay-out options as attractive as their pay-in plans.

"Compared to life insurance, the pay-out provision of mutual funds is archaic," Mr. Bender observed. "It's about like life insurance was generations ago, before settlement options were developed. The mutual fund gives you your accumulations in cash,

but there's no provision for a guaranteed life income, for example. The few funds that have life insurance protection just use the proceeds to complete the investor's share-buying program in the event of his death.

"The mutual funds are selling so well now that they probably haven't felt the need of improving their pay-out provisions. But if they should, they could provide a lot stiffer competition for life insurance than they do now. For example, a group of mutual funds might organize or buy a life company so that on retirement, or any other time, an investor could transfer the proceeds of his fund shares into a life annuity for himself or on a joint and survivor basis. With no agent in the picture, this annuity could be provided at net rates. And any of the regular life insurance settlement options could be offered.

"If this were done, it would be easy

for the mutual funds to provide that not only would the investor's purchase program be automatically completed for him in the event of his death but that his holdings would be transferred to the captive life company for payment to his beneficiaries under a life income option or any other he might have elected. Or the election could be left to a beneficiary.

"When you consider the tremendous sales that mutual funds are making in spite of their primitive pay-out provisions, it's pretty disturbing to a life insurance man to realize what they could do if they put themselves in a position to offer pay-out options similar to life company modes of settlement. After all, we have no patent on those options."

The mutual fund people may be jolted into doing something about this sooner than is generally believed, Mr. Bender pointed out.

"If the variable life income principle catches on to anything like the extent that seems likely, either through life companies or through special subsidiary companies, can anyone doubt that the mutual funds will augment their own organizations to do the same thing?" he asked. "They'd have to, to keep on growing. And if that should happen, it would only be a small step to issuing non-variable annuities as well—paid for out of liquid mutual fund shares."

Mr. Bender said that few life insurance people are aware of the tremendous rate at which the sale of mutual funds has been increasing in recent years, particularly the periodic accumulation plans under which the investor pays in a specified amount each month, very much like life insurance premium payments.

Sales of mutual fund shares in 1955 were \$1.2 billion as against \$862 million in 1954. This is a 39% increase, as compared with a gain of 28% for 1954 and a drop of 14% for 1953.

"Mutual funds today are a Trojan Horse, as far as the life insurance business is concerned," said Mr. Bender. "It has aroused our curiosity but no particular alarm. I don't think many of us actually realize what's inside the animal.

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"A lot of people who have money to invest want something that will 'grow with the country.' Many big industrial corporations are expanding at the rate of a 20% growth in business for the year. This is not inflation but just more business, due to more people having the money to buy more products. For people who want to get in on this growth, the mutual funds have a tremendous appeal.

"My own belief is that the only sensible course for the life insurance business is to recognize the variable annuity principle. If we don't, and the mutual funds keep on expanding and at the same time develop life income pay-out provisions, we may find ourselves losing a large segment of our market before we know it.

"Moreover, if there is an economic need for the variable annuity, then shouldn't a variable annuity option be added to life insurance policies as an additional choice to permit the best balance between fixed-dollar income and variable income?"

Mr. Bender said he recently discussed with one of the top life insurance authorities the possibility that mutual funds might develop a pay-out plan comparable with that of life insurance settlement options. Mr. Bender asked this authority what there would be to prevent the mutual funds from doing this and the answer was, "Nothing in the world."

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Though he himself has not bought any mutual fund shares, Mr. Bender said that a lot of life insurance men, "smart ones, too," are buying them as a means of providing a balance between equity funds and the guaranteed-dollar provisions in their life insurance and annuity programs.

"No one should pretend that the mutual funds are not getting huge sums of money that in previous years would have gone into life insurance and annuities," said Mr. Bender. "One of the principal reasons why mutual funds have been so successful in competition with life companies, particularly on savings or endowment plans, is that they strike right at what is today the basic weakness of what life companies are selling—money for future delivery—and since 1940 the

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Progress report on Prudential's decentralization—No. 3



Prudential's SOUTHWESTERN HOME OFFICE...part of our program to bring Prudential service closer to the people we serve—through decentralization. With headquarters in Houston, Texas, the Southwestern Home Office established in 1951 serves the area you see above. Other regional home offices are located in Chicago, Jacksonville, Los Angeles, Minneapolis and Toronto, in addition to the Home Office in Newark.



The Prudential
INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

'55 New Business, Life in Force Shown for Illinois

All figures are for ordinary unless designated (G) for group or (I) for industrial. New business figures include business revived and increased.

ILLINOIS COMPANIES

	New Business	In Force
	\$	\$
Amalg. Labor Life	275,500	431,000
(G)	15,782,000	19,243,500
Amalg. L.&H.	18,000	101,142
(G)		9,473,000
Bankers L.&C.	14,282,290	97,790,567
(G)	8,163,800	56,491,600
Bankers Mutual	4,449,146	19,904,452
Ben. Assn. R. R. Emp.	1,290,410	5,622,563
(G)	952,914	34,796,050
Central Standard	4,346,200	83,930,203
(G)	657,000	904,500
Chicago Met. Mut.	1,299,688	5,492,469
(I)	25,485,838	75,790,467
Continental Assur.	37,391,255	220,826,092
(G)	107,877,138	371,123,067
Corbelt Life	911,566	703,458
Country Life	72,997,515	669,576,695
(G)	9,841,250	9,456,250
Federal Life	31,299,790	114,964,131
(G)	244,050	7,772,300
Fidelity Life	3,239,361	25,799,585
Franklin Life	36,997,994	194,745,328
(G)	24,000	1,605
Globe Life	2,206,284	39,531,049
(I)	1,556	1,647,661
Great Lakes	3,056,705	12,298,833
(G)	704,880	
Horace Mann	1,760,342	7,418,176
(G)	61,000	348,000
Jackson Mutual	232,000	1,562,952
(G)	250,000	326,500
(I)	5,170,832	10,787,056
Municipal	1,312,325	2,962,734
(G)	454,500	801,000
Mutual Lcl. 134	16,000	16,000
(G)	33,040,000	32,588,000
Mutual Trust	4,880,707	65,435,478
North Am. Acc.	1,945,901	7,141,654
(G)	632,792	1,393,525
North Am. Life	6,760,312	39,843,352
(G)	140,000	210,147
Northern Credit	1,739,528	1,717,412
Old Republic	12,444,537	21,341,172
(G)	24,551,102	24,830,746
Prudence Life	2,347,807	4,220,148
Reliance Mutual	1,869,379	10,155,981
(G)	307,950	820,480
Rockford Life	3,822,796	24,288,015
(I)	15,919,750	51,922,356
Self Help Mut.	2,061,868	16,475,093
State Farm Life	17,252,784	100,738,011
(G)	1,104,953	9,779,172
Sterling	2,936,699	4,929,783
(G)	230,300	322,000
Supreme Liberty	2,115,922	11,132,292
(G)	192,333	531,356
United	4,039,961	22,333,548
(G)	3,841,437	10,226,557
(G)	806,000	4,972,000
(I)	18,348,804	37,074,873
Victory Mutual	134,235	2,566,171
(G)	276,000	205,000
Washington National	8,771,005	47,011,533
(G)	23,013,685	71,066,095
(I)	10,697,681	38,372,668
Western Mutual	1,453,975	6,502,045

OTHER STATE COMPANIES

	New Business	In Force
	\$	\$
Acacia Mutual	7,219,727	73,524,561
Aetna Life	20,345,356	180,595,572
(G)	102,880,110	1,002,796,891
American H.&L.	509,877	2,661,389
(G)	224,559	908,947
American Mutual	1,803,920	15,341,515
(G)	69,500	246,000
American National	9,833,891	45,875,577
(G)	21,194,292	37,762,292
(I)	7,163,842	40,381,650
American Repub.	4,472,891	2,960,949
American Stand.	(G)	448,902
(G)	150,600	2,107,800
American United	4,316,111	25,241,366
(G)	126,000	126,000
(I)	261	1,502,296
Atlanta Life	102,829	248,772
(I)	557,019	842,518
Bankers, Ia.	8,009,842	125,748,573
(G)	13,731,030	83,807,139
Bankers, Neb.	3,814,718	20,809,497
Bankers National	495,440	2,716,583
Bankers Security	412,966	780,332
(G)	5,151,805	3,085,876
Beneficial Standard	19,070	620,585
Berkshire Life	2,755,700	23,520,493
B.M.A.	9,778,947	36,484,190
(G)	782,811	4,445,403
Central Life	3,359,198	38,183,333
Central Nat'l	7,500,494	7,450,110
(G)	3,049,652	3,049,652
College Life	1,950,000	8,919,582
Columbian Nat'l	4,889,688	21,295,020
(G)	850,448	3,557,025
Columbus Mutual	1,217,153	14,369,487
Commercial, Mo.	131,500	144,500
(I)	598,035	1,127,181
Commonw'lth L&A	294,500	1,327,977
(G)	13,500	50,500
(I)	25,165,269	27,945,610
Conn. General	26,610,043	151,380,627
(G)	37,105,974	208,853,150
Conn. Mutual	41,723,018	274,130,560

LIFE INSURANCE EDITION

New Business	In Force	New Business	In Force	New Business	In Force
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Credit Life	1,919,155	1,693,771	Govt. Employees	274,750	1,562,588
(G)	664,280	680,494	(G)	52,570	288,981
Detroit Mutual	3,114,786	977,137	Guarantee Mut.	1,373,911	19,987,242
(I)	12,314,500	12,302,500	Guardian Life	6,649,710	48,421,080
Empl. Mut. Ben.	128,892,987	919,150,801	Home Life	9,837,779	82,598,333
(G)	82,143,211	933,800,785	(G)	1,688,151	6,273,537
Equitable, Ia.	14,139,231	156,902,105	Homesteaders Life	2,800	779,647
			(I)		642,911
Expressmen's Mut.	399,716	5,590,097	Independence L.&A.	1,500	2,000
Farmers Life	493,859	2,473,798	Indianapolis Life	4,227,817	45,194,647
Farmers New World	107,100	811,471	Inter-Ocean	16,000	408,497
General L.&C.	938,924	1,994,495	(I)		888,744
Fidelity L.&I. Mut.	1,095,890	1,308,221	Jefferson Nat'l	11,923,170	35,733,690
Fidelity Mut.	15,250	85,802	Jefferson Stand.	1,426,248	10,722,568
General Amer.	7,436,401	54,624,251	John Hancock	97,099,710	632,039,503
(G)	14,805,995	101,337,687	(G)	57,210,776	397,913,116
Girardian	1,481,356	2,327,339	(I)	15,422,603	156,439,795
Golden State Mut.	1,584,487	3,640,766	Kansas City Life	4,020,114	30,951,451
(G)	52,000	52,000	Lafayette Life	1,805,334	8,569,663
(I)	1,156,941	4,821,325	(G)	14,015	52,538

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The Life of Virginia's Agency Leaders

We are pleased to salute and commend these 5 men who are the 1955 leaders in the Ordinary Agency Division. Their outstanding sales and service records were made during Life of Virginia's greatest year of production and increase in insurance in force.



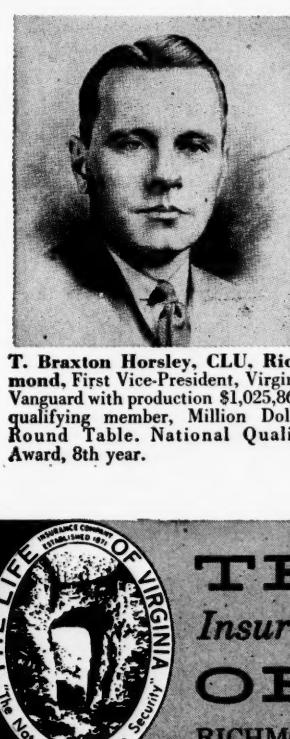
Malcolm H. Webb, Jr., El Paso, President of Virginia Vanguard (leading producers), highest paid production \$1,050,996; Million Dollar Round Table, 8th year; National Quality Award, 12th year.



John N. Anderson, Baltimore, heads agency which won Progress Trophy, awarded by Virginia Vanguard for greatest increase, insurance in force (\$2,666,965). Agency produced new yearly premiums \$107,158.



James F. Floyd, Roanoke, winner of the Agency Management Trophy, with a total of 274 out of a possible 360 credit points in annual agency management competition among heads of Ordinary Agencies.



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December 31, 1954.....	\$3,126,756,214
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'56 Who Writes What Greatly Expanded; Broad A&S Listing

The *Who Writes What?* for 1956—the unique annual reference book which is arranged by subjects, rather than by companies, and answers all sorts of "who-will-write-it" questions, has just been published by the National Underwriter Co. Now in its 15th annual edition, *Who Writes What?* shows at a glance which companies will write each of the many life and accident & sickness coverages currently being offered by some 200 companies. Although previous recent editions have shown some information concerning A&S contracts, the new edition has again been greatly expanded in this respect so that it now covers practically all of the various A&S coverages in the same detail that previous editions have treated life insurance coverages.

Among the unusual new features for 1956 are lists of the companies writing group life on small groups, companies that write sub-standard juvenile (showing the youngest written), and those that will write pilots on a standard basis. Greatest expansion of the new edition, however, is in the A&S section, to which some 17 subjects have been added, among them special risks coverages, small groups, life-time benefits for sickness, loss of time for women, and sub-standard A&S.

To find the answer to a particular question with *Who Writes What?* one merely consults the comprehensive topical index, turns to the page indicated and then reads directly the list of companies offering the contract or form desired. Much related information concerning the policy contracts and company practices is also presented in similar convenient subject form.

Among the general classifications of life insurance subjects treated are surplus business, term insurance, including mortgage protection, non-medical, disability, investment contracts, single premium contracts, sub-standard, aviation, pension plans, salary savings, advance premiums, settlement options, brokerage, limits and group.

Since many of the subjects are of somewhat an overlapping nature, the book is not divided into specific sections, but each subject is carefully indexed under all of the numerous questions it answers. All subjects have been brought right up to date.

This unique and up-to-date guide to what the companies are doing sells singly at \$4 and may be obtained from the National Underwriter Co., 420 East Fourth street, Cincinnati 2, or any National Underwriter office.

Commonwealth Life Claims Ky. Leadership

Commonwealth Life claims 1955 leadership in Kentucky in seven categories of individual life sales and gain in force. The company led in ordinary sales, weekly premium sales, ordinary gain, weekly premium gain, in combined sales, in combined gain and in life insurance in force.

Commonwealth's total sales of \$90,187,286 of ordinary and weekly premium combined exceeded the aggregate total of sales in Kentucky of any other two life companies. The increase of the company's ordinary and weekly premium business in force in 1955 was \$38,588,395 over 1954 and exceeded the combined increase of the next two companies.

Hancock Promotes Collier, Lutnicki

John Hancock has elected Abram T. Collier vice-president and general counsel to succeed Harold J. Taylor, who has retired after 22 years with the company.

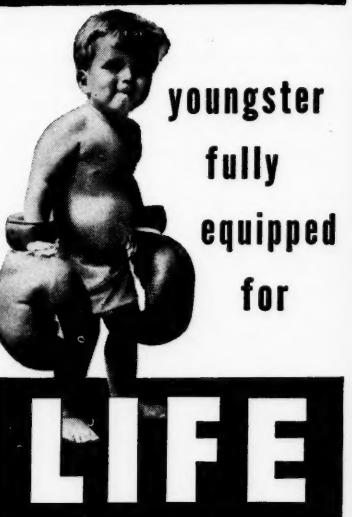
Victor A. Lutnicki succeeds Mr. Collier as vice-president and general solicitor.

Mr. Collier, who will head the law department, has been vice-president and general solicitor since last year. He joined the company as assistant counsel in 1939.

Mr. Lutnicki, who was assistant counsel of American Life Convention before joining the company as associate counsel 10 years ago, has been 2nd vice-president and counsel since 1954.

Alport Discusses Underwriting

D. B. Alport, underwriting vice-president of Business Men's Assurance, compared current trends in underwriting practices with those of a decade ago at the March meeting of South Texas Home Office Life Underwriters Assn. at Houston.



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Private Capital Ample for Loans Without FNMA Aid

WASHINGTON—Flexible interest rates, operating in a home mortgage market free from additional government intervention through expansion of the powers of Federal National Mortgage Assn., will assure continued flow of adequate housing credit from private mortgage financing institutions to home buyers during the next five years.

This view was expressed by spokesmen for the life insurance business who appeared before the Senate banking and currency committee's subcommittee on housing. Discussing proposed legislation that would expand home financing functions of FNMA were Carroll M. Shanks, president of Prudential, Milford A. Vieser, financial vice-president of Mutual Benefit Life, and Norman Carpenter, 2nd vice-president of Metropolitan Life. They appeared for American Life Convention and Life Insurance Assn. of America.

Mr. Shanks declared that continued government stimulation of housing credit and efforts to stabilize mortgage interest rates at artificial levels would inevitably result in further inflation of home prices. At the same time, he said, these government influences would tend to drive private investment funds away from home mortgages and into more attractive investments and would result in demands for more government loans.

Life companies in the last decade have made a total of \$29 billion of residential mortgage loans, said Mr. Shanks. This is impressive evidence of the way in which private financing institutions have met the post-war demand for mortgage funds. He said further government stimulation of mortgage lending through legislation expanding the secondary mortgage market and special assistance powers of FNMA is not needed and would hurt rather than aid the home-buying public.

The objection to these proposals is that much of the funds needed to carry them out would be derived indirectly from expansion of commercial bank credit and would add further upward pressure on prices in the housing field, Mr. Shanks said. The average estimated construction cost per unit of privately owned homes has risen nearly 96% in the last decade.

"There is serious question whether the veteran or the small home owner is being done any real service by easy and excessive credit if the primary effect is to sharply increase the price of the house he buys," said Mr. Shanks.

He said that in his opinion of all the investment markets, the residential mortgage market will be the one least likely to experience a scarcity of funds during the next five years.

Mr. Carpenter, discussing interest rates and the discounting of mortgage loans, explained that the net yields on mortgages must compare favorably with those on other investments if they are to attract loan funds. Within the general capital market, veterans administration and federal housing administration mortgages are unique in that the contract rate of interest is relatively fixed by government order. With the contract rate on these mortgages fixed, the discounts become the means through which the

mortgages have yield flexibility in response to changes in market conditions.

Mr. Carpenter pointed out that if some of the legislation currently being considered is adopted and FNMA purchases of mortgages are used to support the prices of VA and FHA mortgages at artificial levels, the effect under present conditions would be to drive some institutional funds away from VA and FHA mortgages into other higher-yield investments.

Thus the use of FNMA funds to increase the availability of mortgage money will defeat itself. Instead, by upsetting the forces that create a natural balance in the money market and by discouraging private financing it will merely serve to require larger and larger flow of public funds into the VA field.

Conroy Joins Independence

Thomas J. Conroy has been named field supervisor in the ordinary sales division of Independence of Los Angeles. His previous insurance experience includes personal production, home office sales administration and agent recruiting and training.

First-Day Card for LIAMA Combination Meeting Announced

"Keeping Pace with Changing Times" is the theme for LIAMA's combination companies conference to be held April 30-May 2 at the Shoreham hotel, Washington, D. C.

Gabriel Hauge, administrative assistant on economics to President Eisenhower, will speak at the Monday fellowship luncheon, which opens the 3-day meeting. Presiding at the luncheon will be William P. Lynch, chairman of the combination companies committee and 2nd vice-president of Prudential.

A symposium on "The Home Office Sets the Pace", will be conducted Monday afternoon with Charles T. Clayton, vice-president of Liberty National as chairman. Participants will be George F. Albright, assistant to the president Life of Virginia; William R. Davis III, director of field services Commonwealth; A. B. Gawronski, assistant vice-president National Life & Accident; W. J. Hamrick, agency vice-president

Gulf Life; Victor E. Hruska, assistant general manager at the Jacksonville (Fla.) regional home office of Prudential; Lacy M. Jacobs, assistant vice-president Home Beneficial; Will C. McMasters, manager of agency training and sales promotion Liberty Life; Harold Styers, vice-president and director of sales promotion Home Security; and John L. M. Tobias, president Palmetto State.

The Tuesday and Wednesday program will be announced soon.

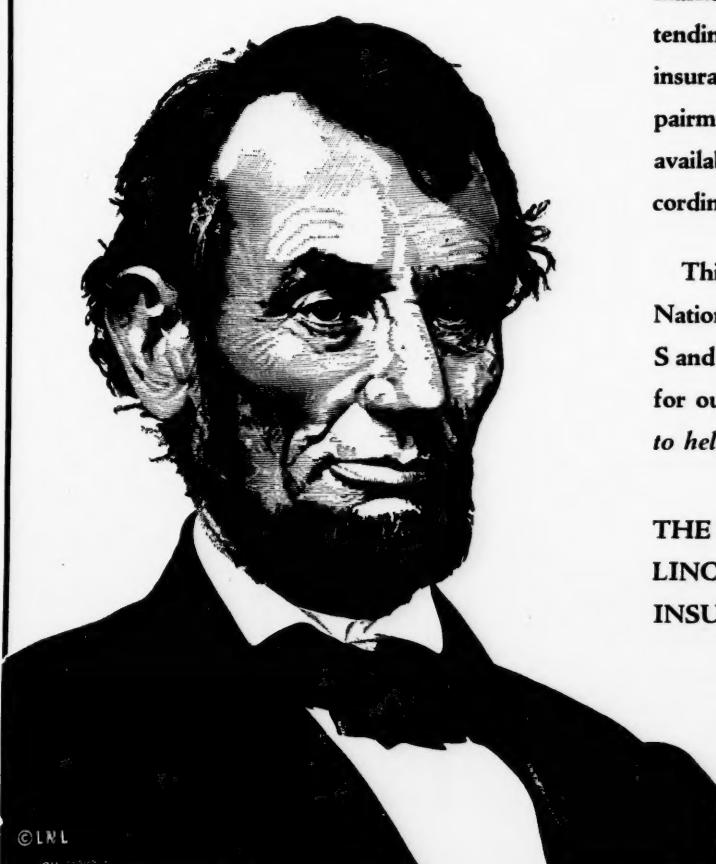
U.S. Chamber to Elect Insurance Directors

Ballots have been mailed to National Councilors of U. S. Chamber of Commerce for the election of new directors by April 20.

Nominated as director to represent the chamber's insurance department on the general board is Edward B. Collett, vice-president and secretary of Millers Mutual Fire of Texas.

Among district director nominees are H. Ladd Plumley, president of State Mutual Life of Worcester; Joseph P. Riley, local agent at Charleston, S.C., and Murray A. Baldwin, vice-president of American Life & Casualty of Fargo, N.D.

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Figures from Life Companies' Year-End Statements Shown

	Increase in Assets	Surplus to Policy holders	New Bus.	Ins. in Force Dec. 31, 1955	Increase in Ins. in F.o.c. 1955	Prem. Income 1955	Benefits Paid 1955	Total Disburs. 1955
Afro-American Life	8,461,640	775,076	1,597,926	16,935,458	44,218,312	1,358,646	1,803,338	942,251
American Home Life, S. C.	3,155,656	289,640	285,051	10,001,868	23,747,224	75,183	1,125,311	250,623
Austin Life	4,271,795	987,782	508,692	3,122,684	32,309,835	7,267,157	1,512,269	1,473,888
Continental American Life, Tex.	1,009,833	141,909	605,122	28,395,755	41,159,156	16,027,031	2,071,030	149,073
General American Life	224,214,775	10,324,267	9,702,829 ²	293,497,931 ³	2,057,421,014	233,293,064	15,836,515 ³	37,312,410 ³
Jackson Life, Tenn.	1,978,057	895,023	878,902	16,305,692	34,575,498	8,532,909	1,110,102	381,374
Mammoth L.&A.	6,039,505	556,786	1,248,526	20,134,254	42,364,318	3,715,854	2,645,606	695,314
Maritime Life, Canada	11,270,776	432,485	1,108,303	4,050,307	45,402,114	1,481,479	1,002,021	510,248
Prudential	12,521,497,189	784,086,096	164,126,018	6,371,855,309	51,556,764,403	5,414,287,088	1,676,473,472	1,010,750,581
Women's Catholic O. of F.	29,128,397	671,737	29,128,397	3,856,250	64,893,001	21,684	1,269,209	26,987,891
								1,504,723

¹New business figure includes renewals and increases of \$45,815,762. ²Does not include special group mass hazard, mortality fluctuation and future asset loss reserves of \$14,277,839 which many companies carry as surplus items. ³Experience rating refunds of \$3,239,090 were deducted from "premium income" and not included in "total paid to policyholders."

LIAMA Host to Deans of Business Schools

Thirteen deans from schools of business in 12 states and Canada last week attended the annual deans' meeting at LIAMA in Hartford. Sponsored by LIAMA's committee on university relations, the meeting aimed at "strengthening understanding and friendship between the life insurance business and institutions of higher learning."

Deans attending were William H. Childs, Hofstra; O. J. Curry, North

Texas State; Rev. Thomas F. Divine, S.J., Marquette; Clive Dunham, University of Mississippi; Rev. W. Seavey Joyce, S.J., Boston College; Eric W. Kierans, McGill; George E. Manners, Georgia State; Kenneth G. Matheson Jr., Drexel; Glenn D. Overman, Oklahoma City; B. L. Pierce, Bowling Green; George W. Robbins, U.C.L.A.; Stephen W. Vasquez, St. Louis University, and Rev. Owen J. Quigley, C.M., DePaul.

Presiding over the 2-day meeting were committee chairman A. Rogers Maynard, 2nd vice president Metro-

opolitan, and Donald E. Lynch, director of public relations Mutual Benefit Life and chairman of the subcommittee on the deans' meeting.

Speakers and discussion leaders included Harlan Miller, director of the educational division Institute of Life Insurance; R. Wilfred Kelsey, the institute's director of education in family finance; Dan M. McGill, executive director S. S. Huebner Foundation for Insurance Education and Herbert C. Graebner, dean of the American College.

LIAMA participants included Charles J. Zimmerman, managing director; Lewis W. S. Chapman, director of company relations, and S. Rains Wallace, director of research. Connecticut Mutual was host to the deans at a luncheon.

Backs Editorial for Letterhead Addresses

Miss Jean P. Riggs, deputy commissioner of the Wyoming insurance department, writes:

You recently ran an editorial in THE NATIONAL UNDERWRITER commenting on the fact that many, indeed most, insurance companies do not show their street addresses on their letterheads.

In the March 22 issue I am pleased to see you have received considerable support.

As a member of a state regulatory body having a voluminous daily correspondence with insurance companies, I would like to raise my voice in a cheer.

In our department, when we receive a letter from an insurance company requiring an answer (and all of them do), it is necessary for us to staple the envelope to the letter, and until such time as the reply is typed, the envelope must stay there. The alter-

native to this practice is for our department personnel to look up the address of each company. You can see how cumbersome this would be especially since all of the correspondence is not from the head office.

Frankly, I cannot see any reason why a company should leave its street and mailing address (if different) off its letterhead and envelope.

As a matter of fact this belief that, "everyone knows where we are," has gone a step further, and we have lately been receiving wires asking for forms from cities like Chicago, San Francisco, and New York signed only with a name and title of a minor executive, with no name of company to identify the gentleman in question.

I am very grateful indeed to you for bringing this matter to the attention of the insurance companies in this country, and I can't believe that this practice would continue even for company executives if they knew what a nuisance it is to the rest of the world not associated with their companies.

Group to Tour Pru Building

Chicago Home Office Life Underwriters Assn. will meet April 12 in the new regional home office of Prudential.

STOCKS

By H. W. Cornelius, Bacon, Whipple & Co.
135 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, April 3, 1956

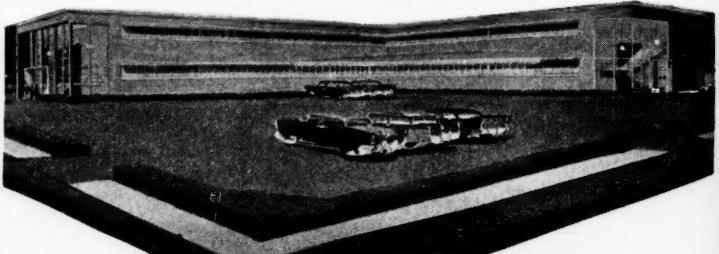
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Week's Bid Bid Asked

Aetna Life	210	207	210
Beneficial Standard	32 1/4	33	33 1/2
Cal.-Western States	110	109 1/2	112 1/2
Colonial Life	130	125	130
Columbian National	99	95 1/2	99
Commonwealth Life	24 3/4	24	25
Connecticut General	262	256	260
Continental Assurance	184	160	183
Franklin Life	91 1/2	89	91
Great Southern Life	96	94	97
Gulf Life	34 3/8	33 1/2	34 1/2
Jefferson Standard	135	135	137
Kansas City Life	1400	1400	1415
Life & Casualty	39	39	40
Life Insurance Investors	15 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/4
Lincoln National Life	231	225	228
Missouri	26 1/4	26 3/4	27 1/2
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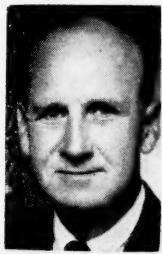
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Home Life Agents Get Small-Group Cover, 10-Year Growth Plan

Announcement of a new program of group coverage for firms with 10 to 24 employees and the launching of a 10-year plan for building business



John H. Evans



W. P. Worthington

sources for agents marked Home Life of New York's convention for more than 200 of its leading agents, held at Hollywood, Fla.

A new group program, known as planned security benefits, includes life insurance up to \$10,000, accidental death and dismemberment, A&S, and major medical for employees and their dependents.

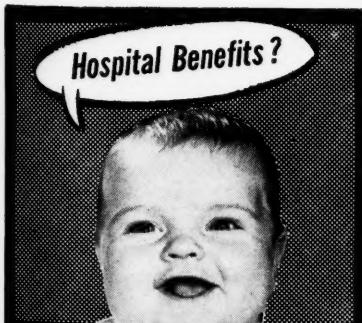
President William P. Worthington emphasized that with the new group program "we will be expanding tremendously the markets and career opportunities of members of our field and home office organization."

The 10-year plan for building sources, a systematic program for continually broadening the field force's clientele, was described by John H. Evans, vice-president-sales, who was chairman of the meeting. The plan brought an enthusiastic response from the agents.

It is designed as a complement to the 10-year plan for building agency business sources. It sets forth specific performance assumptions for each agent. These deal with the addition of new clients, the review of present policyholders' coverage under Home Life's planned estates program, and the acquisition of cases under the new planned security benefits program.

"The whole future of this company," said Mr. Worthington, "is based on strengthening and expanding the agency system. We believe we have something well worth holding on to and strengthening. We believe that, working together, there is no question about whether or not we can accomplish it."

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went to the Atlanta agency, headed by James S. Dudley Jr. The award is based on close scrutiny of each agency's activities including such considerations as increase in service to clients, growth in agency personnel, and general agency efficiency. The Atlanta agency ranked fifth in total business and four of its agents were among the company's leading producers.

Besides Mr. Worthington and Mr. Evans, speakers from the home office included William W. Stewart Jr., manager of agencies; Owen C. Lincoln, vice-president; James T. McCrystal, assistant manager of group insurance; Edward C. Devine, manager of agencies; Eugene C. Kelly, assistant vice-president, and John W. Langdon, manager of agencies. Messrs. Lincoln, McCrystal and Devine discussed the planned security benefits program. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Langdon spoke on the importance of quality business and how to get it.

The 3-day conference included panel discussions by leading agents.

Dallas A&H Assn. Slates Dance

Dallas A&H Underwriters Assn. will hold its annual dinner dance April 13 at the Melrose Hotel.

North American Re Names May and Ward Assistant V-Ps

North American Reassurance appointed William W. May assistant vice-president, with headquarters in Dallas where he will represent the company in southern U. S. He was secretary-treasurer and a director of Vulcan Life & Accident of Birmingham from 1942 until joining North American Re. He is a lawyer and former civil engineer.

John R. Ward has been appointed assistant vice-president doing special work in A&S. During 25 years in the business, he has been with U. S. Life, John Hancock, Home Life of New York, and Johnson & Higgins. He is a former vice-president of Institute of Home Office Underwriters.

Dr. John R. Murphy, who has been

a medical adviser, has been appointed to the staff as medical consultant. He is chief of the peripheral vascular clinic of St. Clare's hospital and director of medicine of Knickerbocker hospital.

Charles J. Rozea has been promoted from assistant secretary to assistant secretary and chief underwriter. He entered the business with North American Re in 1925. He is in charge of the underwriting department.

John J. Rogan has been advanced to assistant secretary in charge of the accounting department and responsible for other activities. He was with Fackler & Breiby, consulting actuaries, and Home Life of New York before joining the company in 1928. He is a lawyer.

Linderman to Direct Central Standard Agencies

Edward J. Linderman has been appointed director of agencies, intermediate division, for Central Standard Life. With Central Standard since 1949, Mr. Linderman for the past four years has been superintendent of agencies, industrial division. His insurance experience includes 11 years with Prudential.

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Prudential Appoints Loper at Springfield

Prudential has appointed Walter L. Loper ordinary manager at Springfield, Mass., to succeed Edward L. Carls, who has been named district group supervisor at Buffalo.

Mr. Loper joined the company at Providence in 1948. He went to the home office early last year and was later advanced to regional supervisor.

CLU Peak Enrollments

Candidates for the CLU designation this year have reached a peak of 5,670,

up 620, and are enrolled in a record 291 American College study groups, an increase of 32. The figures do not include candidates not enrolled in classes. The number of new students will not be known until later.

The 1956 CLU examinations will be held June 6-8 at about 150 centers to be selected for maximum convenience. New candidates must file an application with the college to take the examinations. To receive the registration discount, applications and registration fees must reach the college by April 15, after which a late payment charge may be levied.



Burlington, Vt., Assn. of Life Underwriters held a "parade of stars" sales meeting for 150 agents at the Hotel Vermont. Among the participants, shown left to right, were Fred S. Brynn, National Life of Vermont, Burlington, NALU national committeeman; Insurance Commissioner Miller of Vermont; R. L. McMillon, Business Men's Assurance, Abilene, Tex.; Bernard H. Zas, Connecticut Mutual Life, president of the Burlington Association; Arthur F. Priebe, Penn Mutual Life, Rockford, Ill., chairman of Million Dollar Round Table; A. Jack Nussbaum, Massachusetts Mutual Life, Milwaukee, vice-president of NALU; and M. Baxter Cummings Jr., Penn Mutual, Burlington, president of Vermont Assn. of Life Underwriters.

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Group—controls for self-accounting cases, claim administration, reasons for maintaining employee information, commission accounting, reinsurance and coinsurance, premium billing and collection, department organization, problems and solutions in benefit changes and extension of plans.

Fraternal—open forum on problems peculiar to fraternal societies, question box on office procedure.

The Wednesday program includes: Life insurance—audit procedures, off the record forum. Electronics—applications on the 650. A&S—informal panel discussion. Group—problem clinic.

United of Omaha Raise 7 in Its Training Staff

United Benefit Life has promoted seven members of its home office life training staff. John A. Brownrigg, formerly with the Brink agency of United of Omaha at Detroit, has been named senior administrative assistant; C. S. Young, formerly director of training, becomes Great Lakes regional supervisor; Robert L. Jennings, formerly with the Stephens agency of the company at Kansas City is the new mid-west regional supervisor; Jerry Vartelas, formerly with the company's Long agency, New Haven, will serve as southern regional supervisor; Robert F. Fogle, formerly with the Swisher agency, Columbus, has been appointed director of training; W. F. Hendrickson, formerly with the company's Pittsburgh agency, is now assistant director of training, and J. A. McPherson, with the company since 1952, also has been appointed assistant director of training.

Supervisor at Hamilton, Ont.

Great-West Life has appointed George T. Allen supervisor of its Hamilton, Ont., branch, working with J. Hiles Templin, Hamilton manager.

Prior Inspection of N. Y. May Require A&S Advertisements

New York has not definitely decided what form it will use to administer the newly adopted regulation 34—the A&S advertising code promulgated by National Assn. of Insurance Commissioners and the state's preamble to it—but the insurance superintendent may recommend a system of prior inspection of all such advertisements, Arthur F. Lamanda, deputy superintendent, said at a meeting of A&H Club of New York.

Pending a final decision on this point, and to note compliance with the new rules, department examiners have been instructed to review advertising files as a part of their regular examination procedures.

New York has a special provision in regulation 34 which requires each insurer to maintain a complete advertising file at its home or principal office. The file must contain every printed, published or prepared advertisement

of individual policies, and typical printed, published or prepared advertisements of blanket, franchise and group policies disseminated after Feb. 1, 1956, in New York or any other state, whether licensed or not in other states.

Each ad must have a notation indicating the manner and extent of distribution and the form number of the policy advertised. Further, they are required to maintain all such advertisements in files for three years. When the company files its annual statement with the department, it must be accompanied by a certificate executed by an authorized officer which states that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the advertisements disseminated by the insurer during the preceding statement year complied, or were made to comply, in all respects, with the provisions of the regulation.

The insurance department has stated that it will take into consideration the content, detail, character, purpose and use of the advertisement, and specifically whether the advertisement is the direct or principal sales inducement, or whether its function is to invite inquiry for details concerning the insurance advertised, either by follow-up literature or by personal interview.

Mr. Lamanda said that while violations have not been found, and there is no precedent, he believes that any proved infractions will probably be regarded as unfair trade practices and treated accordingly.

In the department's opinion the new code does not impose an undue burden on insurance, he said. It believes that the regulation contains the type of provisions which any sound and prudent management, searching for standards which would effectively govern its advertising practices and keep them within the proper bounds, would establish for its own operations. Mr. Lamanda even predicted that in the future the business will be grateful for the instrument which prescribes the ground rules for A&S advertising.

An interpretive guide is being prepared by a special committee of NAIC. The guide will ultimately comprise a compendium of opinions, rulings and annotations in respect to the provisions of the code. When the guide is completed, Superintendent Holz has promised to furnish a copy of it to each authorized insurer in the state, Mr. Lamanda said.

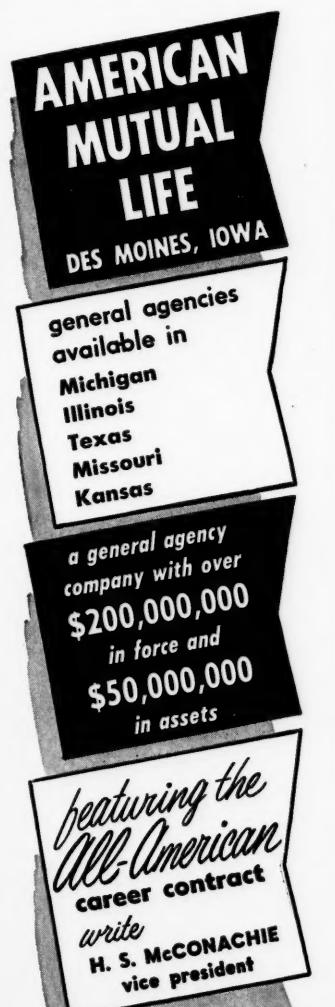
Peoria Insurance Center Now Leasing Office Space

Leases are being negotiated for the Insurance Center building now under construction at Peoria. It is expected there will be exclusively an insurance tenancy.

The \$350,000 building is being constructed by E. C. Risser, president of the Risser & Company agency. There will be approximately 15 insurance offices and spaces of from 1,000 to 6,000 square feet are available.

The L-shaped structure will front on both Knoxville and Forest Hill avenues, where off-street parking will be provided. There will be a cafeteria and assembly room. Modern throughout, the 3-story building will be air conditioned and feature windows especially planned for insurance purposes. All will reach only to within four feet of the floors, allowing the space below to be utilized for filing cabinets. Space in the basement will be provided for dead storage.

Walls will be a pink-hued brick, and entrances a combination of imperial red granite, aluminum and glass. There will be an outside louvered canopy over the windows to eliminate direct sun rays. Completion of the building is scheduled for next September.



Fidelity Life of Ill. Has Best Year in '55

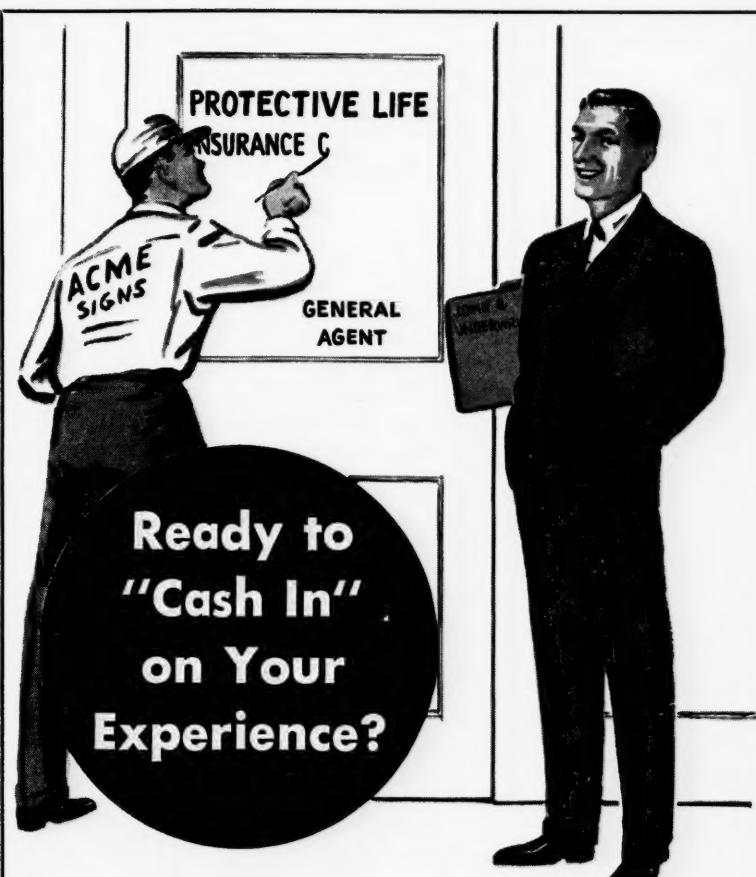
Fidelity Life of Illinois recorded its greatest year of growth and expansion in 1955 with life in force figures increasing to \$77,101,624 a gain of \$6,595,550. This gain was \$3,946,827 greater than the previous record performance in 1954. Total assets of Fidelity increased to \$20,381,757, a gain of \$808,685. New sales reached a peak of \$11,464,681, a 72% increase over 1954.

Fidelity paid benefits amounted to \$1,480,761 and another \$126,838 was

paid in dividends or refunds. Vital to the expansion of Fidelity business was its affiliation with the Kemper group, which expanded the Fidelity sales area from 8 to 16 states and resulted in an outstanding volume of new business.

Electronic Data Processing Talk

A talk on electronic data processing will be given by R. Hunt Brown, president of Automation Consultants, Inc., New York City, at a dinner meeting of American Pension Conference on April 10 at Hotel New Yorker.



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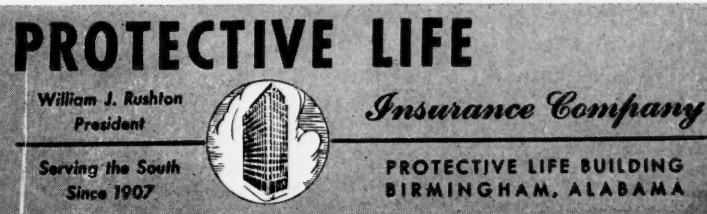
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Conduct, Not the Label, Is What Counts

"We should not claim that life underwriting as such is a profession but there is good reason to refer to a 'professional concept' in life underwriting or to assert that individual underwriters may conduct themselves in a professional way," says an announcement put out by the American College as the considered opinion of its council of educational advisers.

Adroitly evading the question of whether it is accurate to call a person who does no underwriting an "underwriter," or to refer to his sales, service and advisory work as "underwriting," we concur in the opinion of the American College's advisers. Moreover, we believe it is a good thing to have an opinion on this "professional" question from such competent authority, even though there are some who will disagree and insist that what the life insurance agent does comes within the generally accepted definitions of "profession."

It has seemed to us for a long time that life insurance men should quit worrying about getting the "profession" tag applied to their occupation. It reminds us of the riddle attributed to Lincoln: If you called a cow's tail a leg, how many legs would a cow have? Calling an occupation a profession doesn't make it one, any more than calling a cow's tail a leg means that she has five legs.

Attempts to achieve professional status for an occupation mainly by insistence on such status don't achieve much except confusion. Take the example of "underwriter," already referred to. As a substitute for "agent" or "salesman" the word "underwriter" has never got very far, except in the official names of field men's organizations and in "chartered life underwriter." To the relatively slight extent that "underwriter" in that sense has gained currency among the general public it has served to substitute vagueness for precision in the public's understanding of a term that basically means a risk-assumer.

Whether the term "underwriter," "profession" or any other is involved, it's pretty much a case of "handsome is as handsome does." If life agents conduct themselves in conformance with professional standards, their occupation is going to rise in public esteem. If they don't, then attempts to hang the "profession" label on themselves will fool no one and only serve to blur the generally accepted idea of what a profession is.

The American College's council of educational advisers has done well to recognize that there is good reason to refer to the "professional concept" in life insurance sales work and to say that individual agents may conduct themselves as professional men. Those are the important considerations. They

are what will govern the public's attitude toward life insurance agents and toward life insurance selling in general.

Elements entering into a correct definition of a profession, according to the council of educational advisers, would include a body of knowledge of a character significant to the public, skill in using the knowledge, and a code of ethics whose policing is outside the individual practitioner.

Some day it may be in the public interest for the selling of life insurance to be limited in such a way that it would meet those exacting standards. As things stand now, the imposition of such standards would serve mainly to cripple the badly needed expansion of the services that life insurance salesmen can render. At this point, to insist on too-fancy professional standards and training would be a little like insisting that every member of the Army medical corps be a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. It's better to maintain the highest standards in the business of life insurance than to worry about whether it's a profession or not.

PERSONALS

Louis J. Grayson, Travelers, Washington, D.C., a trustee of National Assn. of Life Underwriters, and his wife and daughter are on a 3-week trip through the southern and western states and Canada.



W. H. Joslin Jr.

William H. Joslin Jr., who has been named general agent of National Life of Vermont in Providence, has been with Connecticut Mutual Life in Providence for nine years. He is a CLU, member of the 1955 Million Dollar Round Table and past president of Providence Assn. of Life Underwriters.

Robert O. Huffman, director of Jefferson Standard Life and a Morganton, N.C., industrialist, has been named "man of the year" for 1955 by Morganton Rotary club.

R. Howard Dobbs Jr., president of Life of Georgia, has been elected president of the Atlanta Rotary club.

Paul F. Clark, president of John Hancock, has been appointed to a development council to advise the presi-

dent of Boston university on planning and programs for the development of the university.

Herman Knauss, planning director of Mutual of New York, will be chairman for two sessions of a special conference on systems planning and control to be held April 23-24 in New York City by American Management Assn. He is AMA vice-president in charge of the office management division.

J. Russell Townsend Jr., general agent of Equitable of Iowa at Indianapolis, has filed as a candidate for Indiana state senator from Marion county (largely Indianapolis) in the Republican primary. Mr. Townsend was a state representative from Marion county, 1946-48.

Life Influence in Stock Market Is Overrated, Says Dow

The importance of life insurance money in the stock market has been vastly overrated, President Charles W. Dow of Equitable Society told the San Francisco Security Analysts Group.

"Common stock holdings of all life companies represent less than 2% of their assets—less than \$2 billion in value," he said, adding that the

life companies' great tradition of conservative financial management will always keep the proportion of their assets going into common stocks at a very low level.

Mr. Dow cited the New York insurance law which limits common stock investments to 3% of assets and the present "reasonably adequate" yields of corporate debt securities and real estate mortgages as additional reasons why insurance company investment in stocks is so low.

"We all know that more risk attaches to the ownership of equities than to the ownership of bonds and mortgages," Mr. Dow said. "I believe that the industry can maintain that precious public confidence only so long as it minimizes its investment risks. Then it can most surely meet the 'living risks,' if you will, of its policyholders."

Mr. Dow assured the analysts that although he considered an increase in common stock holdings unsuitable for insurance companies, he was not bearish on common stocks. He reminded his audience that "the life insurance industry is firmly established on a foundation of optimism—not only optimism for tomorrow and the next day—but for a hundred years, and more."

The San Francisco talk culminated a week-long western trip by Mr. Dow during the course of which he met with local Equitable personnel and leading citizens of Milwaukee, Los Angeles, and Cedar Rapids, Ia. Mr. Dow also held press conferences in each of these cities.

Speaking informally to these local audiences, Mr. Dow emphasized life insurance's role in the future development of the country: "Basic trends assure that the demand by Americans for the protective services of life insurance companies will rise to unprecedented heights in the future. These trends are the growth of the population, the increasing longevity of our people, and the economic upgrading of our entire society."

Ky. Adopts A&S Ad Rules

LOUISVILLE—The Kentucky department, after hearings a few weeks ago, has adopted the NAIC rules on A&S insurance advertising.

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Mich. Study Group Told to Expect More Blue Cross Increases

LANSING—A continued upward trend in Blue Cross rates in Michigan was forecast to Gov. Williams' special study commission during the past week, and a representative of United Automobile Workers-CIO, whose president, Walter Reuther, has been the severest critic of Michigan Hospital Service and Michigan Medical Service, testified that the unions' members would be willing to pay higher rates for improved service.

William S. McNary, general manager of the hospital service, said the 15% rate boost which became effective March 1 will not keep the organization solvent for more than a year if hospital costs continue upward, as indicated. Blue Cross had asked approval of a 23% increase but only the 15% was allowed.

Mr. McNary attributed spiraling costs largely to higher labor expense, noting that salary costs now constitute 70% of the total costs of operating non-profit hospitals. He conceded that some subscribers are responsible for abuses of the services' benefits but that "no way has been found to stop it without use of police methods which are not believed to be in the public interest." Over-use and overutilization of hospital facilities were called the major abuses. He defended doctors against recent critics, particularly Reuther, who held their extra charges approximated their former full fees, leaving Blue Cross payments to them as "velvet." He said placing all blame for either of the abuses he had listed on doctors would be "unrealistic and unfair."

James Brindle, director of the UAW-CIO social security department, whose union represents about half of the more than 3,600,000 Michigan Blue Cross members, said the union's opposition to the recent rate raise did not mean unwillingness to pay "the proper cost of prepaid care." He said wage increases for hospital staffs produced necessary added costs, but criticized "wasteful practices," deficiencies in the prepayment mechanism" and "faulty utilization of hospitals" as the chief unnecessary expenses.

John C. McDurry, secretary and general manager Michigan Manufacturers Assn., laid responsibility on the hospitals and medical profession jointly for making Blue Cross services operate efficiently. He said workers generally prefer private medical care programs to any operated by government and, unless private care programs are properly operated, government controlled

plans might be expected to supplant them.

The Michigan legislature, nearing the adjournment scheduled for April 6, had taken no further action early in the week toward conducting its own investigation of Blue Cross operations although three resolutions calling for such studies are still under committee consideration.

Describes Home Life "Mr. Spendrite" Drive

Home Life's "hold-the-line" program, symbolized by "Mr. Spendrite," reduced total expenses and developed an expense management program that was popular in the home office and the field, according to Eugene C. Kelly, assistant vice-president.

Mr. Kelly, who described the program to Society of LOMA Graduates in New York City, said home office and field expenses dropped 9% in 1954. Non-scheduled supply requisitions were reduced 80% in the first four months, telephone toll charges were cut 22% and overtime work dropped 15%. These and other savings helped check a sustained rise in expenses and helped make possible an increased schedule of policy dividends.

"Mr. Spendrite," a cartoon character with a coin-shaped body and an ever-present grin, was created to sell the "hold-the-line" expense management program throughout the company. His continued use throughout the campaign helped create a continuing desire to help in expense management. This program was described in a feature story in *THE NATIONAL UNDERWRITER* some months ago.

"Mr. Spendrite" gave the company a foundation for many other activities for better operation. His use showed that it is possible to popularize expense management, Mr. Kelly said.

Provident Mutual Names Sutor to Agency Post

Provident Mutual Life has appointed James F. Sutor assistant manager of agencies. Mr. Sutor, with the company since 1947, was appointed home office supervisory unit manager in 1954. He has been in agent selection, training and personal production.

CORRECTION

William R. Gardner, general agent of John Hancock at Richmond, legislative chairman of the Virginia Assn. of Life Underwriters, writes:

In the March 23 issue of *THE NATIONAL UNDERWRITER* there is a reference to an agent's qualification law passed by the Virginia legislature. This article contains an incorrect statement.

This legislation provides for a six month's temporary license during which period one may obtain a certificate of qualification by either passing an examination given by the state corporation commission (insurance department) or having his company certify to the fact that he has satisfactorily completed an agent's training course which has been approved by the commission and not the company as stated in the article. The only industrial agents who are exempt are those representing companies which write only industrial insurance. In other words, the requirement is the same for agents writing strictly ordinary business and for those representing other companies. You are correct as to the law being applicable to those writing A&S insurance.

Harmelin Agency Life Course

The Harmelin agency of Columbian National Life in New York City is holding a free, 5-lecture course, beginning April 4, to prepare brokers for the New York State life agents' examination on April 19.

Exhibit John Hancock Paintings

A group of 50 original paintings from John Hancock's series of advertisements devoted to the American way of life were selected for a special exhibit at the Society of Illustrators in New York City.



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When a new man joins our Company he is immediately enrolled in a two-year course of study under careful supervision. Those who successfully complete the studies gain a solid and useful background in life underwriting.

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Progress is the keyword in Atlantic's report for 1955.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Life sales up 21%
- Accident and Sickness sales up 46%
- In force up 7.9%—now \$361,005,700
- Assets up 5.9%—now \$87,192,437

Many new and significant all time records have been set by this fast growing, progressive company which has a 56 year record of service.



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'55 Ill. New Business, Life in Force Shown

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New Business In Force

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Midland Mutual 37,297 1,331,936

Midland Nat'l 964,491 12,220,680

Minn. Mutual 6,870,638 11,220,971

Missouri 4,025,063 32,791,703

Missouri 12,109,079 58,673,793

Missouri 2,545,576 11,249,973

Missouri 826,226 1,164,243

Monarch Life 1,941,361 12,757,861

Monumental Life 51,927 484,819

Mutual Benefit Life 8,273,225 59,780,813

Mutual Benefit Life 25,812,797 282,744,614

Mutual Life, N.Y. 28,634,333 373,649,008

Mutual Life, N.Y. 1,031,498 2,222,536

Nat'l Fidelity 32,000 994,714

Nat'l Home Life 871,200 1,598,714

Nat'l Home Life 63,847 65,556

National L.&A. 9,813,574 60,160,603

National L.&A. 813,457 2,431,178

National L.&A. 40,112,082 130,946,866

National Life, Ia. 309,931 6,422,366

National Life, Vt. 20,379,430 127,668,136

Nat'l Reserve 587,697 1,029,436

Nat'l Travelers 36,785 149,884

Nationwide Life 335,811 2,052,219

Nationwide Life 445,226 1,669,924

New England Mut. 38,968,416 344,342,349

New England Mut. 4,116,482 13,317,163

New York Life 124,533,143 1,134,430,146

New York Life 20,541,635 49,183,746

North Am. L.&C. 5,899,345 16,789,529

North Am. L.&C. 2,781,646

North Am. Reassur. 2,279,000 17,655,200

Northern Life 27,523 1,039,779

Northwestern Mut. 56,554,286 767,898,615

Northwestern Nat'l 10,890,883 93,301,001

Occidental, Cal. 3,206,156 30,002,524

Ohio National 28,089,558 118,891,839

Ohio National 19,205,815 132,823,503

Ohio National 37,051,089 105,838,626

Ohio National 15,443 50,365

Ohio State Life 67,104 7,506,007

Old Equity Life 107,000 128,500

Old Line Life 482,894 9,878,113

Pacific Mutual 7,035,389 73,910,459

Pan-American 3,907,776 18,909,552

Pan-American 1,463,624 8,107,607

Pan-American 860,192 3,482,631

Patriot Life 2,396,882 1,946,460

Patriot Life 56,200,183 54,934,993

Paul Revere 2,398,955 18,298,681

Paul Revere 2,336,210 4,597,280

Penn Mutual 26,207,993 280,589,272

Peoples Life 1,108,374 9,590,275

Peoples Life 590,904 759,804

Philadelphia Life 2,018,117 9,097,846

Philadelphia Life 48,695 48,483

Phoenix Mutual 9,107,886 92,972,554

Pierce 68,422 457,451

Postal L.&C. 298,002 1,759,425

Presbyterian Min. 1,618,030 10,340,658

Provident L.&A. 4,915,081 8,428,462

Provident L.&C. 5,699,900 41,380,500

Provident L.&C. 21,000

Provident Mutual 9,991,944 80,302,443

Provident Mutual 21,609 81,052

Prudential 292,716,861 2,200,382,126

Prudential 171,000,269 677,943,080

Quaker City 30,849,769 647,055,764

Quaker City 21,320,268 20,635,258

Republic Nat'l 10,065,670 64,525,105

Republic Nat'l 990,500 1,860,500

Reserve Life 270,649 721,269

Security Benefit 2,603,030 8,326,045

Security L.&A. 307,476 1,573,927

Security Mutual 469,340 1,760,350

Security Mutual 541,757 4,374,358

Standard L.&A. 2,839,800 4,650,800

Standard L.&A. 352,000 232,000

Standard, Ind. 720,600 3,280,641

State Life 3,964,700 13,361,118

State Mutual 17,541,498 115,920,663

State Mutual 9,993,157 37,690,653

Stuyvesant Life 93,865 75,901

Sun Life 6,511,551 22,315,664

Superior Life 6,661,462 28,543,845

Superior Life 1,392,449 1,171,728

Travelers 32,918,987 311,985,857

Travelers 135,503,158 1,052,287,892

Union C.&L. 627,052 2,755,466

Union Central 17,259,619 50,473,179

Union Labor 7,946,839 93,454,490

Union Mutual 4,599,339 18,025,676

United Benefit 192,164 1,579,158

United Home 28,233,187 65,987,487

United Services 565,502 8,558,860

U.S. Life 7,470,400 10,579,500

Universe Life 16,463,402 75,901,231

Volunteer State 1,533,478 148,214,291

Western & Southern 1,112,495 5,103,385

Wisconsin Nat'l 1,552,500 3,909,961

Woodmen A.&L. 8,218,182 21,187,606

World 761,600 15,864,999

Zurich Life 196,600 952,500

Zurich Life 6,605,593 646,000

Zurich Life 295,071 3,999,991

Zurich Life 18,055,648 178,798,900

Zurich Life 3,482,114 14,944,639

Zurich Life 1,479,740 5,619,000

Zurich Life 577,717 860,996

Zurich Life 19,887,080 14,895,896

Zurich Life 1,446,693 2,140,194

Zurich Life 318,000 316,000

New Business In Force

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Manufacturers 8,065,002 37,088,944

Sun Life 2,029,563 92,610,674

(G) 45,291 55,203,209

ASSESSMENT COMPANIES

Acme Life 31,953 99,112

(G) 435,000 1,567,000

Central 280,442 1,457,592

American Cont. 112,500 316,398

American Life 2,033,300 6,837,300

(I) 200,410 451,741

Colonial L.H.&A. 16,998 30,222

Central National 830,348 1,507,034

Employees Life 184,921 272,788

Great American 245,095 1,127,573

Crown Life 329,845 2,617,004

Employees Life 4,282,244 5,586,773

(G) 74,000 74,000

(I) 428,998 387,417

Family Protection 99,339 3,654,453

Golden Rule Life 1,015,820 1,603,891

(G) 348,000 823,250

Great States Life 1,897,054 14,371,287

(I) 773,750 1,060,000

Guarantee Trust 939,433 5,208,950

(G) 20,492 192,990

Illinois L.&A. 2,305,000 2,301,000

Illinois Security 593,616 924,356

(I) 52,882 165,202

Jefferson Life 166,589 166,589

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	New Business	In Force	New Business	In Force
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Marquette Life	(G) 32,750	125,525	American Life	12,580
Midwest Life	(G) 2,500	71,500	American Woodmen	612,886
Northern Security	(G) 2,920,787	2,979,940	Assn. Lith. Wrks.	889,178
Peerless Life	(I) 533,396	1,113,350	Baptist Life	2,900
Pilgrim National	(G) 135,184	1,070,657	Ben Hur Life	728,450
Pioneer Life	(I) 564,500	6,349,000	Cath. Cent. Union	93,875
Pioneer-Security	(I) 135,184	276,596	Cath. Family Life	345,000
Union Life	(I) 476,326	3,793,186	Cath. Knights, Ladies	10,263,633
Unity Mutual	(I) 520,179	370,097	Croatian Cath. Union	76,645
Western Life	(I) 26,225,104	5,664,686	Croatian Frat. Union	1,506,422
	(G) 914,374	4,232,848	Czech Cath. Union	322,000
	(I) 95,404	30,893	Danish Brotherhood	90,850
Total Ord. '55	2,158,747,799	16,107,414,954	Degree of Honor Prot.	1,226,150
Total Group '55	1,385,452,148	7,946,884,456	Equitable Reserve	398,800
Total Ind. '55	329,583,636	2,487,249,234	Farband-Labor Zion	11,209,270
All Classes	3,873,783,583	26,541,564,644	1st Cath. Slov. Ladies	3,700
Total Ord. '54	1,852,707,960	14,901,028,176	1st Cath. Slov. Union	1,824,691
Total Group '54	1,272,754,566	7,239,212,730	Gleaner Life	93,875
Total Ind. '54	326,168,799	2,469,103,534	Greater Ben. Union	622,713
All Classes	3,451,631,325	25,636,344,440	Greek Cath. Union	31,700
Cath. Knights & Ladies	261,637	5,295,642	Hungarian Ref. Fed.	1,226,150
Cath. Foresters	1,646,200	26,313,688	Ind. Ord. Foresters	1,226,150
Concordia Mutual	1,145,673	16,740,818	Knights of Columbus	1,226,150
Czech. Society	932,004	16,573,968	Ladies Cath. Benev.	1,226,150
Firemen's Mutual Aid	556,000	6,891,354	Ladies Pa. Slov. C.U.	1,226,150
Grand Carniolian	290,650	8,386,123	Lithuanian Alliance	1,226,150
Hibernian Life	16,000	505,456	Lithuanian Cath.	1,226,150
Ind. Ord. S. Vith.	189,500	4,783,168	L'Un. St. Jean Bapt.	1,226,150
Ind. Ord. Vikings	123,300	2,223,157	Lutheran Brotherhood	1,226,150
Italo Am. Nat'l	126,400	2,853,793	Maccabees	1,226,150
Modern Woodmen	8,508,119	85,103,285	Nat'l Mutual Ben.	1,226,150
Mutl. Ben. & Aid	88,500	3,220,008	Nat'l Slovak Soc.	1,226,150
Nat'l Frat. Deaf	22,500	511,840	Order Scot. Clans	1,226,150
No. Am. Union	100,500	6,191,378	Polish Nat. Union	1,226,150
Ord. Sons Italy	93,700	1,091,900	Polish Union, Am.	1,226,150
Polish Alma Mater	73,000	3,267,129	Polish Union, U.S.	1,226,150
Polish Alliance	2,662,250	53,258,607	Prot. Home Circle	1,226,150
Polish Cath. Union	811,750	26,771,885	Royal Arcanum	1,226,150
Polish Women's All.	394,000	11,788,785	Serb Nat'l Fed.	1,226,150
Pullman Porter's	11,000	868,715	Slovak Cath. Sokol	1,226,150
Royal League	211,500	7,229,871	Slovak Evang. Union	1,226,150
Royal Neighbors	4,429,500	93,970,113	Slovak Gymn. Union	1,226,150
Russian Ind. Mut.	14,250	803,536	Sons of Norway	1,226,150
St. Vito Frat.	26,000	555,745	Standard Life Assn.	1,226,150
Slovene Nat'l Ben.	293,000	6,277,622	Woodmen, World	1,226,150
Supreme Roy. Circle	353,553	615,153	Workmen's B'n'f'lt	1,226,150
United Polish Women	64,700	2,065,188	Workmen's Circle	1,226,150
Unity of Czech.	71,000	3,200,173	Total '55	1,226,150
Western Cth. Union	347,750	7,020,665	Total '54	1,226,150
Women's Cath. O.F..	679,750	15,155,466	*Fraternals listed only when insurance in force exceeds \$500,000.	

OUT OF STATE FRATERNALS*

Aid Assn. Lutherans 16,774,742 108,657,136
Amer. Frat. Union 73,000 1,367,049

Reinsure Dallas Company

The Texas insurance commission has approved a reinsurance agreement by which Trans-Western Mutual Life at Dallas cedes obligations to States General Life, also of Dallas.

Mutual Funds Need Only Life Pay-Out Options

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value of money has been declining with every passing year.

"The creeping inflation we have had in this country (and some years it has not been so creeping) is making all the life insurance sold since 1940 worth less every year. The most conservative estimates are that the 1940 dollar is now worth about 50 cents, as far as purchasing power is concerned.

"That is what the mutual funds are capitalizing on. They tell prospects they should grow with the economy of the nation—buy something that will increase in value instead of decrease or stand still. By this, they mean that in a period of growth and/or rising prices, such as we have now and are likely to have in the foreseeable future, common stocks rise in value and the purchasing power of the dollar goes down.

"Mutual fund salesmen are able to demonstrate the truth of this by the records they exhibit. They have indisputable figures to prove what they

are saying. They make it one of their biggest selling points whenever they find themselves in the presence of a prospect who is either going to buy mutual funds or a life insurance policy.

"Anybody who doubts how successful the mutual funds have been in recent years should check around a little, particularly among young people age 25 to 35 and in a position to save some money. You'll find that a high percentage of them are making monthly payments for mutual fund shares and feel very happy about their investment. They are conscious of the increased value of what they have bought and are continuing to buy. They have a feeling of success about it. On the other hand, they have been thoroughly indoctrinated with the idea that life insurance goes the other way—that it goes down in purchasing power while their investment in mutual funds goes up."

Another thing to bear in mind, Mr. Bender observed, is that mutual funds are much more of a competitive matter in the relatively smaller communities than in the big cities. In New

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No black snake whip!

It doesn't take brains to crack a black snake whip over the heads of a sales force: no brains, just brawn.

American United Life's sales plans are built on a partnership philosophy—on the cooperative idea that good men will sell a good volume of good business if they are backed up by good merchandise, good tools and good Home Office assistance.

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 York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and other big metropolitan areas, mutual funds are sold mostly through established brokerage offices. These offices are primarily engrossed in making sales of stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange. With most such brokerage houses, mutual funds are a secondary consideration and are not given any great attention. But when it comes to the smaller cities and towns, the mutual funds are getting a big play. In countless cities they have offices on the ground floor and a number of salesmen working out of them. In such cities where the street floor office rent is much lower, the mutual funds operate very much the way a life general agency does. The conditions of the moment are in their favor and they are making the most of them.

It is getting so that the competition of mutual funds is more keenly felt than that of other life companies, said Mr. Bender. One bad feature of it is that when a prospect has become converted to mutual funds, his mind is focused on the instability of the dollar's purchasing power. No matter what the agent tells him, it is hard to get him to believe that the dollar is not going to decline still more in purchasing power.

The average family head who is buying a home and is beset by a variety of taxes and higher living costs, and as a consequence has the ability to save only a small amount of money, attributes most of his financial plight to the fact that his dollar will not purchase enough of what he wants to buy.

Such a man is easy to convert to the mutual fund idea of the increasing value of common stocks because a mutual fund salesman is able to point to a 15-year record of steady and satisfying increases in value year after year, whereas what the prospect bought in the way of life insurance 15 years ago is worth only about half of what he thought it was worth when he bought it, in terms of purchasing power.

"Regardless of what anybody thinks about the variable annuity, the amount of discussion it has aroused shows how great its appeal is," said Mr. Bender. "The success of the mutual funds in boosting their sales to where they are getting \$1.2 billion a year of the public's money proves that people are seriously interested in investing in something that will keep step with price level changes.

"If the mutual funds add the appeal of the life insurance modes of settlement, plus very likely a variable annuity option, we'll be in for some serious competition. Isn't it time for all the great minds in the business—not just a few—to recognize this threat as a serious one that calls for realistic answers aggressively merchandised on a broad front?"

Goldberg Heads President's Club, New National of Vt. Honor Group

Philip Goldberg, New York City, has become president of the President's Club, newly-formed top production organization of National Life of Vermont, for achieving first place on the roster.

Other officers, ranked according to production, are John D. Banning, Chicago, 1st vice-president; Francis T. Fenn Jr., Hartford, 2nd vice-president; and Merrill W. MacNamee, Chicago, secretary.

The Dillon agency in Atlanta had the greatest number of qualifiers. The Hartford and Chicago agencies were tied for second place and the Richardson agency in Roanoke was in third.

Your Mutual Benefit Life Man says:



"The best life insurance plans are always one part company—two parts agent."

No matter how good the *policy* is—it's up to the agent to fit it to each client's individual needs. That's why Mutual Benefit Life places so much emphasis on the agents' training. And that's why men like Milton H. Phelps, of Tampa, Florida, find success so quickly. Mutual Benefit Life men give "custom-made" service, at "ready-to-wear" prices.



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Permit National Union to Continue in Florida

Insurance Commissioner Larson of Florida has given National Union Life permission to continue operations in Florida for an indefinite length of time because the company has taken steps to strengthen its financial condition.

Commissioner Gwaltney of Alabama, where the company is chartered, has placed temporary management of the company in the hands of Charles D. Dunne, Louisville insurance publisher. Mr. Dunne's son, James, said a complete new accounting department will be installed in 90 days to straighten out the company's fiscal policies. A drive will be made to improve relations with agents.

Palmer Keith Jr., acting president of National Union, said securities had been put up with the Alabama department to replace a \$500,000 check which was posted a few months ago at Mr. Larson's request to fill an alleged deficit in the company's capital structure. The check later was withdrawn. Mr. Dunne said he had obtained \$495,000 in securities to guarantee solvency, while another \$151,000 was posted after S. E. Boozer, National Union director, turned an office building over to the company. Mr. Keith said the company has \$300,000 left in securities not yet converted to cash.

Want R.I. Insurers to Keep Main Office There

A bill has been introduced in Rhode Island legislature that would require insurance companies organized in that state to maintain their principal offices and keep all their records in Rhode Island.

The bill would affect three companies organized in Rhode Island but with main offices in Hartford, Equitable F&M. of Phoenix, Conn., group, Resolute and Resolute Credit Life. The 19 other companies organized under state law have their main offices in the state.

Sen. McCabe, who introduced the bill with approval of Commissioner Bisson, commented that the Rhode Island Ins. Co., now in receivership, "got into trouble" after it had moved its principal office out of the state.

Life Company Full Time Employees Total 400,000

The life insurance business had 400,000 full time employees at the start of the year, up 14,000 in one year and up 137,000 in 10 years, according to Institute of Life Insurance.

While the home office ranks have increased by 59% since the end of World War II, the amount of life insurance they handle has risen 145%. While agency sales and service ranks have grown by 51%, annual life sales have climbed by 235%.

There was one home office employee for each \$1.9 million of life insurance in 1945, while there now is one employee for each \$2.9 million. The institute attributed this increased employee productivity to increased use of office machinery and improved office methods.

Home office employees now total 127,800, up 2,100 in one year and up 47,300 in 10 years. In the 10-year period, male employees increased by 17,300 and female employees increased by 30,000.

Agency sales and field service employees now total 228,100, up 10,500 in one year and 77,400 in 10 years. The number of women agents has declined from 7,100 in 1945, when a manpower shortage existed, to 5,500. But the number of women agency managers and assistants has risen from 100 to 500 in these years. There also are 42,400 cashiers and clerks in the agency offices.

Equitable Cites Richmond Agency

The Richmond agency of Equitable Society won the national leading agency, agent and unit manager titles in February. The agency, managed by J. Smith Ferebee, placed highest in ordinary and combined commissions in February to win top agency designation.

Leading agent title went to Eldridge Smith, who led in ordinary and combined commissions. His performance qualified him for Million Dollar Club with production credits of \$1.5 million.

The unit managed by John Pasco Jr. scored highest in combined commissions. The unit is in second place nationally for the year to date.



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A Mid-West company, with more than fifty million of assets, has an opening for an Assistant Actuary. Must be an Associate or Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. It offers the opportunity to become the Actuary within five years. Our Staff has been informed of this ad. All inquiries confidential. Send replies, with outline of experience and personal information to: Box L-71, c/o The National Underwriter Co., 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Ill.

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Middle west company now operating in two states—and will enter other states. Company is well established and has over \$21 million of ordinary life in force. Ample capital and surplus to write multiple lines. The man must be between 30 and 48 years of age—willing to travel—proven personal producer—with successful employing and training record. Company's present agency force can be expanded rapidly with our 3 highly specialized contracts and other line of standard policies. Compensation open on salary and bonus basis. Correspondence confidential. Give complete details. Our employees know of this ad. Reply to Box L-74, c/o The National Underwriter Co., 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Illinois.

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Home Office of mutual company, located in South Central area, with insurance in force approaching Billion Dollars, has opening for experienced Sales Promotion man to head established department as Director. Here's opportunity for man to step into top position with fast growing, sound company. Must have proven record, evidence of creative ideas and sales personality. Our personnel know of this ad. Interview can be arranged at time of LIAMA A&H conference in Chicago, April 9-11, or later. In meantime, send résumé, with picture, in confidence to Box L-67, THE NATIONAL UNDERWRITER, 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Illinois.

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Great-West Official Tells What Automation Can Do

Life companies are turning increasingly to automation in the interest of more efficient and lower cost business operation, but there is no real danger that this trend will lead to future unemployment in the industry, George Aitken, assistant general manager and comptroller of Great-West Life, predicted in a talk to Winnipeg members of Life Insurance Institute of Canada.

Mr. Aitken said automation is eliminating a large part of the routine clerical operations and their attendant monotony and drudgery and is giving growth to new jobs, more challenging more interesting, more remunerative, and requiring more highly trained personnel.

He said the industry expects increased use of electronic equipment to accomplish these objectives: 1. Eventually reduce the cost of insurance and thus increase the amount of insurance the public can afford. 2. Extend the benefits of insurance to more people by making possible more refined underwriting practices to provide coverage for the persons now considered uninsurable. 3. Provide better methods of market research and so lead to faster development of new markets with sales operations. 4. Provide improved and faster service to policy holders.

Mutual-United Name Hart Hawaiian Manager

Jess A. Hart has been appointed manager of the Hawaiian division office of Mutual Benefit H.A. and United Benefit Life.

Mr. Hart started with the companies in 1946 as a life agent. In 1949 he joined the home office educational division and was named supervisor of the southern region in 1953. During 1954, as assistant to the vice-president, he served as temporary manager of the Arkansas office. His new appointment is effective June 1.

Kentucky Court OKs Lease Investments by Insurer

Kentucky court of appeals has upheld a decision of the circuit court at Louisville allowing insurers to invest reserve funds in Kentucky real estate.

The court contest and ruling followed after Great-West Life had contracted conditionally with Courier Journal Job Printing Co. to buy Louisville property of the printing company and lease it back to the printer for a term of 30 to 40 years.

The ruling was entered under a provision of the Kentucky insurance code,

TOP SALES PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY

For assistant to Sales Promotion and Advertising Director of fine old New England life company. Field magazine, publicity and sales promotion experience will be helpful and govern starting salary. This is a real break for right man. Write in confidence to Box L-72, c/o The National Underwriter Co., 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Illinois.

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General Agency or Management desired in far west. 20 years experience in managing and selling Life insurance. Agency Management School Graduate. Age 40—married. Write Box L-65, c/o The National Underwriter Co., 175 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago 4, Ill.

MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

Large Eastern company desires part time supervision Boston area of good producer with definite management opportunity. Our organization has been informed of this ad as operation power. Send complete resume. Address Box NY-42, c/o Advertising Dept., The National Underwriter Co., 99 John St., New York 38, N. Y.

as amended by the state legislature in 1954, which allows leases to be made for terms of 30 to 40 years as a normal and proper part of a corporation's business.

Under old law in Kentucky corporations could not hold property for more than five years that was not proper and necessary in operation of its business.

South and West Make Gains as Life Markets

While life insurance ownership has risen to new highs in all sections of the U.S., the rate of increase has been much greater in the south and west, according to a LIAMA survey of the period from 1944 to 1953.

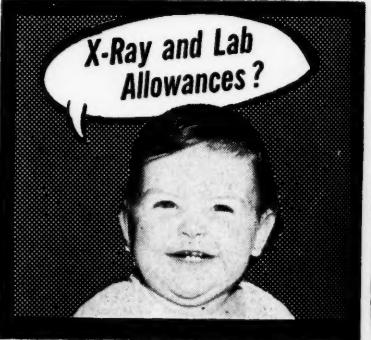
Ordinary life sales per capita, up 132% for the U.S., rose 196% in the south, 129% in the west, 116% in the north central states, and 106% in the northeast in the 10-year span.

The proportion of one year's disposable personal income covered by total life insurance in force showed the greatest gains in the south and west, although the percentages remained highest in the east. Part of the change came from population shifts, but an important part was from the increase in per capita premium. Premium per capita rose 81% in the south, 60% in the west, 50% in the north central states, and 34% in the northeast.

26 Join Cleveland Management Course

Cleveland Life Insurance Managers & General Agents Assn. has started a 12-week study course in agency management along lines promoted nationally by General Agents & Managers Conference.

Hadsell S. Easton, Home Life, chairman of the education committee of the Cleveland association, leads the program.



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SALES IDEAS

Indiana Sales Congress Draws 1,000 at 3 Stops

The fact that surveys show that people want personal financial security while experience shows they won't do anything about it unless a life insurance agent shoves it at them is at once an opportunity for agents and a grave responsibility, Kenneth L. Anderson of Insurance R&R told more than 1,000 agents attending the Indiana Assn. of Life Underwriters caravan sales congress this week. Stops were made at Evansville, Indianapolis and Fort Wayne.

"A Fortune magazine survey shows that more than half of our people have personal security as their motive for saving," Mr. Anderson reported. "Yet it is shocking to realize that without agents 10 million veterans of World War II lapsed their National Service Life insurance. Over 80% of our veterans tossed the most priceless ingredient of personal security right out of the window."

Other speakers on the program were Robert Burr, training consultant of Prudential at Chicago; Lester A. Rosen, Union Central Life, Memphis, and Stanley Martin, general agent emeritus, State Mutual Life, Dallas.

Mr. Burr declared that even though the country is enjoying a record boom weekly-premium insurance is still advisable in many families and absolutely necessary in others if any protection at all is to be carried.

"I believe that as long as people are paid by the week there will be place for insurance they pay by the week," he stated. "Even among those families who have raised incomes, I'm sure you have observed people who have raised their standards of living but not necessarily their buying habits."

"The debit agent is a lucky guy. Not only does he get paid to prospect, but also he has a complete portfolio that can take care of the most menial need but yet is flexible enough to advance to the largest type coverage. He can write anything from 10 cents a week to a \$1 million contract. The debit man is the switch-hitter of our business."

While there is no short-cut to success, Mr. Rosen said there is a magic formula: "Forming the habit of doing things failures refuse to do." Among things any agent who wishes to be a success must form the habit of doing, Mr. Rosen said, are working eight hours a day; being active in church, social and civic affairs; calling on natural contacts; following up the endless chain system; following up old policyholders on age change; extending selling time by hiring a secretary.

Occidental Appoints Two

Occidental Life of California has appointed Philip R. McCarty assistant brokerage manager at Cleveland and Albert E. Lueddeke brokerage manager at Newark. Mr. McCarty and Mr. Lueddeke were formerly with Equitable Society and Prudential, respectively.

D. C. Bans Companies' Removal

Board of District of Columbia commissioners has decided that Government Employees Life and Government Employees Insurance could not remove their home offices from the district and still retain their district corporate status. A 25-year-old law requires in-

surance companies incorporated in the district to remain there unless the commissioners permit removal of the offices. The companies contended that if they are not permitted to remove their offices they would be forced to reduce their office space and number of employees in the district, establish other offices elsewhere and incorporate in another jurisdiction.

Prudential Reminds AFL Agents of Duties

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) earlier letters. During negotiations the company has agreed to several provisions and changes which the union had requested. We have not, however, agreed to surrender certain basic and undeniable rights of management, and have already told you why we cannot.

"Several points which we were led to believe had been practically settled were raised again by the union. This has contributed to the delay in arriving at an agreement. We still feel we are not far apart on many of these issues. At the time of recess, the main points still unresolved were those concerning the duration of the new contract and the spelling out of the company's rights to adjust the size of debits.

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"Our concern, in the management of the business, has always been to increase the earning opportunities of our agents, not to reduce or limit those opportunities. The fact that the company retains normal and reasonable rights of management is not going to change our personal interest in your welfare and success."

The mass late reporting and "sit-ins" mentioned by Mr. Palmer referred to showing up at 10 a.m. instead of 8:30, and according to union President George Russ's instructions, remaining in the office and "doing what comes naturally," until noon.

Thus far there has been no serious threat of strike. Some weeks ago the union leaders were authorized to call a strike if they saw fit, but the vote in support of the authorization was only three to one, which is regarded as much too weak to support a strike. Besides, no major issues are involved, like compensation or complaints about working conditions. The average income of the agents is something more than \$124 a week and the increase agreed to by the company would bring it over \$130.

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Negotiations are still going on at Washington. They started Jan. 16, after the union notified the company that it would not agree to a renewal of the same contract. Some 15,000 of Prudential's debit agents are members of the AFL-CIO union. They are in 33 states and the District of Columbia. Some are members of two independent unions, largely in Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Maryland, the rest are not unionized.

Philadelphia Names Hais

Philadelphia Life has appointed Charles F. Hais general agent in Cincinnati.

Mr. Hais, in the business in Cincinnati since 1941, has been with John Hancock. He is a member of Million Dollar Round Table.

Equitable Boosts Five

Equitable Society has promoted from senior attorneys in the law department —insurance to assistant counsel Colmon Klinger, Valentine A. Meehan, Nicholas A. Mescia, Harry Pike and Francis X. Rohn.

Sterns, Travelers' "Ad" Man, Retires

Edwin E. Sterns, assistant manager of public information and advertising of Travelers, has retired after more than 30 years with the company.



Edwin E. Sterns

He was an advertising agency copywriter, advertising manager of American Tobacco Co. and advertising manager of Guardian Life before joining Travelers in 1926. He specialized in the company's magazine, newspaper, insurance trade paper and radio advertising.

Short Policy Servicing Course at Pontiac, Mich.

A 20 week course on methods of improving service to life policyholders has been launched at Pontiac, Mich., with Louis Pohl, manager there for Life of Virginia, moderating the course which will cover 10 projects as recommended by LIAMA. Mr. Pohl claims that the Pontiac area is the first in the country to adopt this exchange of information program and that most of the major companies and agencies are represented in the project.

Indianapolis Life

Eases Pilot Coverage

Indianapolis Life is now writing at standard rates commercial pilots and crew members as well as private pilots with over 400 hours solo experience and who fly less than 110 hours annually. Military pilots may obtain policies with riders excluding their military flying or they may obtain limited amounts by paying a special rate during the years they are engaged in military flying. Ratings have been reduced for other persons engaged in aviation.

North American Life

Begins Jubilee Campaign

North American Life of Chicago has announced the "kick-off" of a golden jubilee which will culminate with an official 50th anniversary celebration in September, 1957, at the Edgewater Beach hotel, Chicago. All members of the company's field force have been invited to attend the Chicago celebration with attendance contingent on special sales goals for business produced between April 2, 1956, and July 5, 1957.

President Charles G. Ashbrook predicted that the jubilee would inspire members of North American "family" to surpass last year's all-time record of nearly \$53 million in new life business which was 60% above the company's 1954 production figure.

Life of Ga. Actuary

Life of Georgia has appointed John M. Bragg associate actuary, effective April 5. Mr. Bragg joined Great-West Life as an account clerk in 1945 and advanced to associate group actuary. He is a Fellow of Society of Actuaries.

Fla. Sun Life to Sell Stock

Florida Sun Life of Wilton Manors has filed with securities and exchange commission a statement seeking registration of 32,000 shares of \$1 par value common stock to be offered for public sale at \$10 a share. The offering will be made on a best efforts basis by President James C. Dean, who will receive a commission of \$1 a share. The company, organized 14 months ago, writes ordinary, industrial and credit life.

Bankers Nat'l Names Hunt to Agency Post

Bankers National Life has appointed Robert T. Hunt assistant director of agency supervision. He will assist Pasquale Quarto, who will join the company May 1 as vice-president—agency supervision, in supervising all agencies beyond their first year.

Mr. Hunt, in the business 10 years, has been a district manager of Mutual Benefit Life. He previously was agent and assistant manager of Metropolitan Life.

Program Ready for Rally of New A&S Association

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2) members and guests will be held.

Thursday Afternoon

With the vice-president of the association presiding, the announcement of committee appointments and a talk on "Our Public Relations Responsibilities," by the chairman of the public relations committee will be followed by a talk on "Your New Trade Association," by the general manager of the association and Robert L. Hogg, vice-chairman of Equitable Society, will speak on "The Association—a Means to Progress."

Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m., there will be a reception followed by a banquet, entertainment and dancing.

Friday Morning

10:00—12:00 a.m. Organizational meetings of the following standing committees will be held: Actuarial and statistical committee; administrative committee; group insurance committee; individual insurance committee; legislative committee; medical economics committee; membership and ethical standards committee; nominating committee; public relations committee.

A fellowship luncheon will be held Friday noon.

Friday Afternoon

Greetings will be extended by W. G. Alpaugh, Sr., president, Inter-Ocean, and the following talks will be delivered: "Health Insurance, Medical Practice and the Public," Dr. George F. Lull, secretary and general manager American Medical Assn.; "Our Accident and Health Insurance Business Under New Leadership," J. Dewey Dorsett, general manager Assn. of Casualty and Surety Companies and "Economic Health Is No Accident," Walter Williams, under-secretary of commerce.

The ladies' headquarters will be in the Julep room, where rolls and coffee will be served each morning. The following special events are planned for the ladies:

Thursday luncheon - 12:00 Noon; reception and banquet, with entertainment and dancing, in the evening.

Friday a visit to Rookwood Pottery is planned. The tour will end in time for the fellowship luncheon.

CORRECTION

Some of the figures given for United States Life in the tabulation in the March 9 issue that showed new business and insurance in force in New York state for 1955 were incorrect. Correct figures for new ordinary and group business were respectively \$46,330,234 and \$43,627,357. Ordinary and group in force figures should have read \$185,380,302 and \$212,977,492, respectively.

North Amer. Accident Has Best Year Ever in '55

North American Accident enjoyed its biggest year ever in 1955. Its in-force business climbed about \$10 million to total \$135 million and A&S premiums exceeded the 1954 figure of about \$11 million by more than \$1.5 million. The company plans to introduce a number of new A&S policies in 1956 and will continue an expansion program begun in 1955. In September the company will commemorate its 70th anniversary with a national conference at the Edgewater Beach hotel, Chicago.

To Continue \$1 Million Life Policy on Shoemake

AUSTIN—Judge C. O. Betts, receivership judge for U.S. Trust & Guarantee of Waco, has ordered that payments be continued until further notice on the \$1 million life insurance policy for A. B. Shoemake, who was head of U.S. Trust and its affiliates until he shot himself in the head Jan. 7 after the companies had been put in receivership. The policies are written in Occidental Life of California and contain a two year suicide clause which is due to expire this fall. Judge Betts authorized the premiums to be paid pending possible changes in Mr. Shoemake's condition.

A doctor who analyzed Mr. Shoemake in Veterans hospital at Waco, said the bullet, which penetrated the front part of the brain, may eventually result in his death from seizure or other causes. The wound has cut Mr. Shoemake's life expectancy from 14 years to about eight or nine years.

Goldsmith Leads Conn. Mutual for Third Year

Connecticut Mutual Life has honored Robert H. Goldsmith, associate general agent at Los Angeles, who led in volume in 1955 for the third consecutive year. He sold \$5,159,353 on 62 lives, a production record, and qualified for Million Dollar Round Table for the 13th time.

General Agent Edward B. Bates was host at a reception for Mr. Goldsmith, who has been in the business since 1940. He joined Connecticut Mutual in New York in 1949 and moved to Los Angeles five years ago.

N. E. Life Names Colby at New Wichita Agency

New England Mutual Life has opened an agency in Wichita and appointed Charles A. Colby manager. He joined the company at Topeka in 1949 and was named first "rookie of the year" in 1950.

The opening of the agency was marked at a dinner attended by Vice-President John Hill and other home office executives.

Reitman to Travelers

Travelers has appointed Seymour G. Reitman senior consultant in the special services division of the life and A&S agency department to assist Paul K. Browne, superintendent of special services, in estate planning and tax problems relating to insurance, trust matters and business insurance.

Mr. Reitman, a lawyer and CLU, has been house counsel and head of the research department and planning section of J. D. Marsh & Associates, general agent of Lincoln National Life in Washington, D.C.

Bill to Require Registration of Welfare and Benefit Plans

Rep. McConnell of Pennsylvania has introduced in the House a bill providing for registration and reporting of welfare and benefit plans to the Secretary of Labor. Annual reports of the

plans, filed with the secretary, would be made available to other government agencies, governors of states and, at the secretary's discretion, to the public. The secretary would report annually to Congress. Violations of the bill's provisions would be punishable by a fine up to \$5,000 or imprisonment up to one year, or both.

Continental Assurance

Names Reeder President

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dent. He is a fellow of Society of Actuaries.

A past president of both Chicago Home Office Underwriters Assn. and Chicago Actuarial Society, Mr. Reeder also served as Illinois vice-president of American Life Convention. He established Continental's retirement and special plans (group permanent) department as an instrument for funding pension, profit-sharing, deposit administration and related plans. The department today accounts for \$335 million volume in force. Group insurance has grown to a \$1.8 billion operation during his service, and the company now holds ninth position in the group insurance field.

Mr. Tuchbreiter started in the business in 1910 as an office boy for a Chicago general agent. He served with Hartford Accident, London & Lancashire Indemnity and Fidelity & Deposit before joining Continental Casualty in 1916. He was named 1st vice-president of Continental Casualty in 1940, president of Continental Casualty and 1st vice-president of Continental Assurance in 1943 and president of Continental Assurance in 1945.

When Mr. Tuchbreiter became president of the life company in 1945 assets were \$74,891,903 and life insurance in force \$539 million. The respective totals at Dec. 31, 1955, were \$394,702,968 and \$3,727,726,470.

Hopkins to Wis. for B.M.A.

Lyle F. Hopkins has been named supervisory assistant at Milwaukee for Business Men's Assurance. Mr. Hopkins, formerly with the sales department at the home office, will assist Gilbert A. Diehl, Milwaukee manager. Mr. Hopkins joined B.M.A. ten years ago and was in the policyowner service and policy change departments before becoming a sales assistant in 1949.

Crawford Named in Okla.

John Crawford has been appointed policy analyst in the accident & sickness division of the Oklahoma department. He also will assist in reviewing company financial statements. Mr. Crawford has been in the army finance corps for two years. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma.

Colonial Fetes Veteran Employees

President Richard B. Evans of Colonial Life presented wrist watches to Franklin B. Muller, assistant comptroller, Miss Jean Mastres, debit policy underwriting department, and Mrs. Ethel Nolan, supervisor of the contract payment section of the debit policy department, for 30 years' service at a luncheon of Spinners Society, 25-year employees' group. Miss Ruth Caddock, debit policy department, became eligible for membership.

Delaney Heads Tex. Assn.

John Delaney, American General Life, Houston was elected president of Texas A&H Underwriters Assn.; Herman Andrew, Business Men's Assurance, San Antonio, was elected 1st vice-president, and Jack G. Claiborne, Employers Casualty, Dallas, 2nd vice-president.

Late News Bulletins . . .

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stock will continue to be held by the present holders. For both classes of stock an annual dividend of 15 cents a share is planned, besides which there will be an annual 4% stock dividend. The new setup is regarded as unusual in that the holding company will hold only insurance company shares.

Alert Insurers to A&S Change in N. Y.

Companies writing A&S should be alert to the imminent signing in New York of the bill to reduce the time limit on certain defense provision of the uniform individual A&S policy provisions law from three to two years and prepare for the change by filing with the policy bureau for approval of rider forms or overstamp exhibits with the two years provision. This is the advice of John McAlevey, counsel of Bureau of A&H Underwriters, to member companies. Mr. McAlevey pointed out that the bill is unobjectionable but awkward since the bill is effective immediately upon being signed. The rider forms or overstamp exhibits would have no effect on contracts issued before the effective date of the law, unless the companies voluntarily decide to use it, he said.

Two year provisions will go into effect July 1 in Colorado, Georgia, Massachusetts, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma and West Virginia.

N. C., N. Y. Hold Free Insurance Illegal

Commissioner Gold of North Carolina has informed American Casualty and National Casualty that the free accident policies offered by American Motors and Studebaker-Packard are illegal in that state. Chief Deputy Commissioner Lewis notified the companies that the free insurance offer violates the general statute, the law which requires that a company do business only through a licensed agent, and a 1955 act which requires signed applications before delivery of any accident policy. Mr. Lewis said he believes no attempt is being made by the motor companies in North Carolina to offer the accident policies, in view of the ruling.

The New York department ruled the giveaway illegal, but this ruling was disputed by the insurer and the department has asked the attorney general for a ruling.

In Rhode Island a bill has been introduced to prohibit "free insurance" as an inducement to purchase property.

Trenchard Retires from Pan-American

Louis B. Trenchard, vice-president and manager of the mortgage loan department of Pan-American Life since 1941, has retired after 44 years' service.

The first officer to retire under the mandatory retirement program, Mr. Trenchard was honored at a testimonial dinner where a scroll and letters of tribute were presented to him. He joined the company as inspector of loans.

N. Y. Employees A&S Bill Passes

A bill providing hospitalization, medical and surgical benefits for state and retired employees and their families has been passed by New York state legislature and sent to Gov. Harriman.

Costs would be shared by the state and employees, and \$1.5 million has been set aside to cover the state's first-year share. An 8-member board would be set up within the civil service department, and the department president, with board approval, would contract for a plan to provide the coverage.

Columbian National GAs Elect David R. Harmelin New President

Columbian National Life's General Agents Assn. elected David R. Harmelin, New York City, president to succeed Albert E. Richardson Jr., Boston, at the annual conference in Boston. Leo R. Porter, Salt Lake City, was chosen secretary.

Fred S. Sibley, new vice-president and director of sales, was introduced. He and other home office men spoke at the 2-day meeting.

Marks Agency Celebrates Victory

The David Marks Jr. agency of New England Mutual Life in New York City held a dinner-dance for all agency employees to celebrate the victory in the company's "wreck the records" contest held late last year. One hundred twenty persons attended. So far this year, the agency is producing \$2 million a month, nearly all of it in ordinary life.

Mutual Trust Appoints Burris at Philadelphia

Mutual Trust Life has appointed H. Robert Burris Jr. general agent at Philadelphia. Mr. Burris has been in the life business in Philadelphia for more than 10 years as a producer and supervisor for Massachusetts Mutual Life. The new agency is at 1700 Walnut street.

Life of Va. Agents' Conventions

Life of Virginia is holding conventions in April at the Sheraton-Mt. Royal hotel in Montreal for leading combination agents. The 1955 records of 1,013 agents qualified them to attend for their respective divisions, and 587 of them qualified doubly and will be accompanied by guests.

Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Virginia agents convene April 12-15; Maryland, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia agents April 16-19; North and South Carolina, Louisiana and Texas agents April 19-21. Vice-president J. Cowin Smith is in charge of arrangements.

American H.&L. Case Pending

After hearing arguments, the federal trade commission took under advisement the appeal of counsel supporting the FTC complaint against American Hospital & Life from an initial decision in favor of the company. The insurer has been charged by the FTC with false and misleading advertising of its A&S policies. An FTC examiner has held that the FTC does not have jurisdiction in the case.

American Cas. Denies Complaint

American Casualty of Reading, Pa., has denied the federal trade commission charges of false advertising of its A&S policies and has declared the commission has no jurisdiction over its activities. The answer was filed in Washington, D.C.

CHESTER A. DUFFIELD, 72, retired general agent of John Hancock in Philadelphia, died.

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